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January, 2006

Our 1045th Meeting

Date: January 11, 2005

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Dr. Andy Plioplys - *Silver Currency Ingots of Northern Europe*

At the April, 2004 meeting, Dr. Andy Plioplys gave an outstanding exhibit on the silver bars, called *kapas*, used as money in Lithuania from 1100-1300 AD. Since then, he has uncovered more information on this little known numismatic subject. With the help of the curators at the Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, the American Numismatic Society, the Smithsonian Institution, and private collectors, Andy received new information on other silver ingots that circulated 800-1450 AD throughout the Baltic region and along the Volga River area into Russia. He has also acquired what might be the only true Russian ingot in a private collection. Since his last featured talk before the club in August (*Temporary Currencies of Lithuania*), Andy gave a numismatic talk at the Balzekas Museum that resulted in an invitation to give a numismatic presentation at the 150th anniversary celebration of the Lithuanian National Museum in Vilnius, Lithuania. The event will be in April, 2006 and will include four days of talks dealing with Lithuanian numismatics. Part of Andy's PowerPoint presentation will include information on Dr. Alexander Rackus, a Charter Member of the CCC and Past-President (1928). Dr. Rackus' collection of Lithuanian numismatics makes up a large portion of the numismatic exhibits in the Balzekas Museum and the Ciurlionis National Art Museum in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Birthday and Year Joined

February 2 Tillie Boosel

February 9 Steven G. Zitowsky 1991

February 16 Donald H. Dool 1998

February 25 Walter Pershke 1968

February 27 Ronald Martino 1991

Important Dates

- January 11** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
- February 8** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
- March 8** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*
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- April 12** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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Minutes of the 1044th Meeting

The 1044th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was the annual banquet held at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Avenue, Chicago. Dinner was served to 29 members and guests at 7 PM after an hour of cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

President Robert Feiler called the meeting to order at 8 PM. Guests for the evening were: Mary Claire Jake, Heidi Feiler, Janet Leonard, Kathy Rosinia, Shari Zack plus the evening's featured speaker Leonard Augsburger with his wife Debra. President Feiler called for a round of applause for Steve Zitowsky Mark Wieclaw plus Glen and Katie DeCosta for sponsoring the evening's hors d'oeuvres. Steve Zitowsky was further recognized for his leadership with organizing the event.

First V.P. Jeffrey Rosinia introduced the evening's featured speaker Leonard Augsburger. His talk *The Baltimore Gold Hoard* was a fascinating story of two poverty stricken teenagers and their discovery in 1934 of thousands of U.S. gold coins found in the cellar of an east Baltimore tenement. Augsburger's talk motivated members and guests to ask many questions afterwards.

Members took time to place one last bid in a silent auction of material donated to the Club. The activity was organized by Lyle and K.L. Daly who received a round of applause for their work.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly presented the 2005 Cabeen Awards and cited the exhibit material and numismatic achievements of each recipient. The Honorable Mention (Bronze Medal) recipients were: Chuck Jacobs, Robert Leonard, Robert Feiler and Steve Huber; Second Place (Silver Medal): Don Dool; and First Place (Gold Medal) Mark Wieclaw. All received an engraved Club medal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM; many members stayed in the room to visit and exchange holiday greetings. Jeffrey Rosinia entertained everyone with several trumpet solos of popular holiday songs.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d

The Baltimore Gold Hoard

A presentation by Leonard Augsburger to our December 14, 2005 meeting.

Our featured speaker at the CCC annual banquet was Len Augsburger, who spoke on the Baltimore gold hoard of 1934. Mr. Augsburger has spent much time in Baltimore working on a book length presentation of the story, the tale of two youths who uncovered a fortune in gold while playing in the cellar of a tenement on Eden Street in the Baltimore Fell's Point neighborhood.

Although the story has been somewhat known in numismatic circles, being mentioned in Breen and also featured in a 1935 auction catalog, Augsburger has unearthed new sources of information on the hoard unknown to previous researchers.

Extensive records of the litigation surrounding the hoard were found in the Maryland State Archives, while Secret Service investigations were detailed in the National Archives in Washington. Contemporary accounts in the Baltimore press revealed many tidbits, and an inventory of the second part of the hoard, undisclosed to the authorities until a year after the original find, was found in the records of the Maryland Court of Appeals.

In addition, descendants of the important hoard principals were tracked down and interviewed. Set amid the Depression in ethnic Baltimore, this riveting tale greatly entertained the audience at this year's annual gala.

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Minutes of the 1045th Meeting

The 1045th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order in Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn at 7 PM by President Robert Feiler. The usual meeting room on the sixth floor was occupied so the Club meeting was moved to Conference Room FF on the third floor. In attendance were fourteen members and four guests – Robert Graves, Eugene Freeman, Kurt Hyde and James Kee.

The December Minutes as published in the *Chatter* were approved. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported November and December expenses of \$930.09 and income of \$1,903.00, leaving the Club's total assets at \$8,983.12. Steve also gave a brief review of the finances involved with the December banquet and an overview of 2005 finances. Two applications for membership received a first reading: Robert Graves and Eugene Freeman.

First V.P. Jeffrey Rosinia introduced Andy Plioplys who delivered an in-depth talk on *Silver Currency Ingots of Northern Europe*.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the evening's exhibitors: Mark Wieclaw – set of Berghoff Restaurant tokens, a 2006 lead seal from U.S. Mint box of silver coins, tetradrachm of Philip II (359-336 BC), tetradrachm of Philip III (323-317 BC) and a Lincoln cent struck over a struck Roosevelt dime; Steve Zitowsky – 6 different 1902 Keeling-Cocos banknotes valued from 5 rupees to 1/10 rupee, 8 different 1913 Keeling-Cocos tokens valued 5, 2 and 1 rupee, 50, 25(2), 10 and 5 cents; Sharon Blocker: 5 different \$2.00 bills received at the bank, all with serial numbers ending in 8434; Donald Dool – bond issued in San Juan, P.R., medal issued to commemorate San Martin monument in Zarate September 1981, 2 sous dated 1577 Besalu (Pellofa), 2 dineros from Lledia, Pugesá issued under Carols I (1516-58), and a 3 pfennig from Osnabrück, Chapter; Robert Feiler – Roman denarius of Emperor Trajan, slave bill of sale from 1852 and a \$5.00 obsolete currency from Frankfort, KY; John Riley – a new magazine on news stands *Collecting World Coins*, by Krause Publications, 4 different pool hall tokens from Brunswick and an encased postage stamp advertising Ayer's sarsaparilla.

Under the business section Lyle Daley reported progress in writing text for the Club's tri-fold brochure. There were no reports from the archives, safety deposit box, or video projects. The current meeting site status was discussed with input from Lyle Daly and Jeff Rosinia. Die struck membership medals were discussed again and a report was promised on the feasibility of using the die on the club medal used for Cabeen Awards, plus a die struck reverse side.

Meeting dates for 2006 were discussed with suggested speakers and topics.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

David B. Silberman, Jr.

David B. Silberman, Jr., 85, a life long resident of Chicago died May 21st. Silberman, who joined the Chicago Coin Club in 1971, began collecting coins in 1964. He specialized in high quality proof US coinage as well as early gold. He also collected coins and medals depicting sailing ships.

Silberman was a graduate of Stanford University in 1941 and a US Army veteran of WW II attaining the rank of Captain. He was the president of the Silberman Fur Corporation. In November 1988 Bowers & Merena auctioned the main portion of his collection. Silberman is survived by Irene his wife of 41 years, son Sam and daughter Lorie.

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Kapos, Grivnos, and Northern European Silver Ingots

A presentation by Audrius V. Plioplys MD, to our January 11, 2006 meeting (previously presented at the Balzekas Museum in Chicago on October 16, 2005).

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity of reviewing the history of the earliest monetary systems in Northern Europe, and in Lithuania in particular. First I want to thank Eugenijus Ivanauskas, Robert Douchis (who passed away in early 2005) and Frank Passic for all of their assistance in obtaining the ingots, and information about them.

The territory surrounding Lithuania was already inhabited by 10,000 BC. Around 3,000 BC Baltic amber was traded, by overland routes, to as far as Egypt. Amber was the first Lithuanian “gold.” By 500 BC the Phoenicians (located in current day Lebanon) circumnavigated Europe and established trading sea-routes for amber. This trade route was continued by the Roman Empire. During Emperor Nero’s reign (54 to 68 AD) a ship load of amber arrived in Rome—so much amber that the walls of the Coliseum were bedecked with amber and all of the gladiators’ armour was encrusted with amber. In exchange, the Lithuanians traded for bronze tools and weapons, which in turn were used in trade.

Further evolution of trade was in furs. The forests surrounding Lithuania were rich in marten (a black marten is better known as a sable). Marten pelts were used in exchange. Pelts were used as single units of exchange, and as larger units. Initially, bundles of 15 marten pelts were considered a unit, then most historical sources refer to a bundle of 40 pelts. Taxation was frequently requested in pelts, and rulers would have store houses of pelts, that would be traded or sold. Pelts were traded primarily with the Vikings, in exchange for silver coins. The Vikings obtained the silver by selling slaves to the Turkamen tribes along the Volga River basin (and later along the Dnieper River basin). The Lithuanians would melt down the silver coins to make jewellery (necklaces and bracelets).

Jonas Karys notes that in the 8th and 9th centuries there was a marked decrease in the number of silver jewellery items placed in burial sites. His hypothesis is that the silver started to be used to manufacture the Lithuanian kapas. Historical sources refer to a “karcius”, translated possibly meaning something that is tied up, or bundled. Karys felt that karcius was a term for a

unit of exchange, in particular a silver necklace. In reviewing photographs of necklaces and bracelets in Lithuanian museums, and in visiting these museums, I was impressed with how varied the necklaces were in size and weight. Also, I was impressed with the very large number of uniform, unadorned silver bracelets that have been found. My hypothesis is that the first unit of silver exchange was the bracelet (the “karcius”). This would certainly be a convenient way for a trader to carry currency—on his wrist. Later, the bracelet was turned into the kapas. I was unable to obtain information about the weight or the silver purity of the ancient bracelets. However, the general appearance is that the weight should be approximately that of one kapas.

The actual manufacture of the kapas is not mentioned in any historical sources. Most likely, they were made by using the lost-wax method. The origin and meaning of the chop marks on the kapas is also unknown from historical sources (the word kapas comes from the word kapoti, or to chop). By looking at the ingots themselves, it is clear that after manufacture, while the ingot was still hot, the chop marks were placed. The number of chop marks bears no relation to the weight nor purity of the kapas. Most likely, the chop marks were placed to demonstrate that no other metal was placed in the center. Why are there many kapas with no chop marks? Most likely there were many different manufacturers of the kapas, over time. Ones that were deemed trustworthy did not need to demonstrate the interior—but those that were of uncertain reputation, had to demonstrate the inner contents.

Of note is that the word kapas, meaning “to chop” sounds very similar to the word kapeika. In Russian, “to chop” is “rublit”, or “rubit”—the origin of the term ruble. Thus, the units of Russian exchange, kapeika and ruble, originate from the Lithuanian kapas.

There are less than 700 fully intact Lithuanian kapas known. They have 0 to 18 chop marks, with an average weight of 107 grams. The dating of the kapas is controversial. As mentioned above, Karys felt that they appear in the 8th and 9th centuries. There was a hypothesis proposed, that the kapas was based on the Scandinavian mark which was introduced in Riga, Latvia, in 1211. However, the mark was 208 grams (even ½ of a mark, at 104 grams, did not match the Lithuanian kapas weight of 107 grams), and the Latvians never issued ingots, rather they issued coins. Thus, if there would have been an influence of the Latvian monetary system on Lithuania, it would have manifested itself by the minting of coins—which did not happen until the end of the 14th century.

Furthermore, Povilas Karazija pointed out, that if the 1211 date was correct, then most kapas would have been manufactured under the rule of Mindaugas (1236-63). Any sovereign ruler would have insisted that some sort of identifying official insignia should be applied to units of exchange—which was not done. Thus, the dating of the kapas must be well before the rule of

Mindaugas. Karazija and most numismatic sources date the kapas to the start of the 11th or 12th centuries.

From historical sources it is possible to ascertain the buying power of a kapas. One kapas was the equivalent of 6 months salary for a common worker or a foot soldier. You could purchase 15 sheep for one kapas. For 1½ kapas, a good riding horse could be obtained. Otherwise, for one kapas, you could purchase a Polish prisoner, or a wife. If you happened to commit murder, one or two kapas would be sufficient to save your life. In other words, a kapas was the equivalent of a human life!

Besides the traditional Lithuanian kapas, there are the large triangular Lithuanian kapas. These were produced much later, and appear to have been an intermediate stage in the production of coins (the original kapas were melted down to make the triangular ones, which in turn were used to make coins). These kapas frequently had chop marks in the center whereby they could be broken into two pieces. There are about 10 full triangular kapas known, and about 55 half-kapas known. The full kapas' average weight was 200 grams.

Silver ingots were manufactured and used in other Northern European territories. Bob Douchis, in his 2003 presentation, claimed that a hoard found in historic Prussian territory was a Prussian Ingot. My own review of his slide materials suggests that this hoard, although found in Prussian territory, is simply a hoard of Lithuanian kapas.

Rhomboid-shaped ingots were manufactured in Kiev. A total of 400 are known, and the average weight is 160 grams. They are called grivnas, from the Russian word to tie or to bundle. Kiev was one of the two major commerce (and later administrative) centers created by the Vikings, along their trading routes (the other center was Novgorod).

Very unique and beautiful grivnas are found in Chernigov, a city to the north of Kiev. These are shoe-horn shaped grivnas that were used briefly in the 13th century. They are fairly rare and the typical weight was 200 grams. Their rarity probably relates to the inconvenience of using them—although beautiful, the size and shape would make it inconvenient to actually use them in commerce.

North of Lithuania is found the Novgorod grivnas, and “rubles.” There are less than 500 Novgorod grivnas, grivna fragments and related species known. The typical weight of a full grivna is 200 grams. They were used in the 12th and 13th centuries. In 1447 Novgorod entrepreneurs learned of a way to “make a quick buck.” They started casting grivnas that on the surface consisted of high quality silver, but were finished off with low quality silver (as low as 30%). These grivnas can be identified by a distinctive line where

the two different alloys meet. It is because of this counterfeiting of Novgorod grivnas in 1447, that the entire Northern European market decided to abandon ingots entirely, and switched to coinage.

It should be mentioned that the manufacture of the triangular Lithuanian kapas, and the Kiev, Chenigov and Novgorod grivnas was by pouring the molten silver into a mold (not using the lost-wax method of the standard Lithuanian kapas).

Other very distinctive ingots are those made by Northern Russians, called “tongues.” They appear to have first been poured, and then hammered. The Tatars also made silver ingots, somewhat similar in size and contour to the Lithuanian large triangular kapas—indicating an influence.

Of considerable interest are the circular and semi-circular ingots found primarily, and in largest number, along the banks of the Volga River. These were initially felt to be Bulgar in origin. In the 7th century AD, the Bulgars from this area migrated (invaded) across Eastern Europe and settled in current-day Bulgaria. However, none of these ingots are found in Bulgaria—rather they are found in many other places including Gotland, Sweden and England. Based on the Viking trading routes, these circular and semi-circular ingots are actually Viking in manufacture. Dating of these ingots is as early as 1,000 AD. In one museum in Gotland, where a hoard of these ingots is displayed, the English word that they use for the ingots is precisely “bundle.” This “bundle” refers all the way back to bundles of furs (including “grivna” and “karcus”) that the Vikings traded for.

The authenticity of kapas and grivnas is of concern. At the end of the 19th century, and early 20th century counterfeits were made. Many of these had unusual counter stamps, or stamps of Lithuanian heraldry—basically none of which appear in hoards of kapas that have been found (there are several extremely rare exceptions). It appears that the three silver ingots in the collection of the Balzekas Museum in Chicago (originally purchased by Dr. Alexander Rackus—who was the president of the Chicago Coin Club in 1928) and the three ingots in the collection of the American Numismatic Society in New York are all of this vintage.

The Smithsonian Institution (SI) in Washington, DC, has an extremely large and unique collection of silver ingots. Information about this collection was kindly provided by Mr. Guido Fenzi who works in the Russian numismatic section of the SI. Grand Duke Georgii Mikhailovich, a 1st cousin of Czar Alexander III, had amassed this large collection. He, along with the entire royal family, were executed in 1918. His daughters smuggled the collection to the US and eventually sold it to Mr. Willis H. duPont. In the 1960-70s he donated the entire collection to the SI. This collection contains 9,000 coins, 3,500 medals, and 67 silver ingots (37 intact and 30 fragments). The

authenticity of all of the ingots in this collection cannot be questioned.

The SI ingot collection had 14 Novgorod grivnas (one with a counter stamp). There are 19 Kiev grivnas and 3 Chernigov grivnas. There is only one Lithuanian kapas. There are 30 Novgorod grivna fragments, many of which have counter stamps (none-10, one-6, two-8, three-2, four-3, five-1). It would be of considerable interest to one day visit the SI and to study these counter stamps as to origin and use of the stamps.

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He was a Boy Scout who started collecting coins in the 1960s by searching through rolls. A former Mormon missionary, he was a married man with four children. He had an I.Q. of 149. He contributed an article to the *TAMS Journal*. Yet he started altering coins to make rarities as a teenager, then went on to making fake mint errors (one of which realized \$48,300 in a Goldberg auction in 2003, having previously been handled by Heritage), fantasy tokens, and counterfeit Mormon notes. When he overreached himself in his business of selling forged documents, he murdered two people with bombs and is now serving life without parole.

Bob Leonard will present details of the numismatic frauds of Mark Hofmann, gleaned from eight books written by those who knew him, his own article in the *TAMS Journal*, and the comments of John Ford and others. A list of known fakes will be distributed to those in attendance.

Important Dates

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March 16	Michael Brodsky	1991
March 19	Charles Ricard	1963
March 29	Nancy Wilson	1984
March 31	Andrew E. Michyeta III	1984

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President Robert Feiler called the 1046th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club to order at 7:00 PM with 13 members and 3 guests present. Guests were Mike Rubin, Boyd Harris and Leonard Augsburger. A motion was made and passed to accept the Minutes as published in the *Chatter*. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported January revenue of \$519.00, expenses of \$213.75 with \$9,288.37 in assets. Membership applications of Eugene Freeman and Robert Graves received second reading. Separate motions were made and passed that they be accepted into membership.

Under correspondence Steve Zitowsky reported flyers received promoting the Will County Coin Show, Sunday, March 12, Holiday Inn Express, Joliet, IL and the Quad City Coin Show, Sunday, April 2, Milan Community Center, Milan, IL.

First V.P. Jeff Rosinia introduced the evening's featured speaker, Robert D. Leonard, Jr. with the presentation *Coin Collector Gone Bad: The Numismatic Frauds of Mark Hoffmann, The Mormon Murderer*. Afterwards, Jeff presented Bob with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal. Jeff also presented the same recognition items to Andy Plioplys the Club's January featured speaker on Silver Currency Ingots of Northern Europe.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the eight exhibitors for the evening. Andy Plioplys: checks from the Riggs National Bank, Washington, DC on the Lithuanian Legation account, dated 1938 and signed by the Lithuanian Minister; and a number of Lithuanian promissory notes from the 1930s, authorized by the Lithuanian Finance Ministry and several endorsed by Jewish banks. Lyle Daly: \$50.00 star note from 1977; Columbian Exposition medal showing the discovery of America/landing of the Pilgrims; Woodsmen of the World tokens; new Thomas Jefferson nickel; and a U.S. \$10.00 silver certificate issued in 1934 for North Africa. Winston Zack: three 1957 U.S. proof sets received from his grandfather's collection with an odd chalky substance on the quarters. Robert Leonard: gold dinars of the first six Ayyubid Sultans, 1169-1240 AD. Donald Dool: two 1/12 R. from Paraguay, one issued at the Heaton Mint and the other at the Asuncion Mint, a medal commemorating Paraguay's first coinage showing a 1/12 R. on a medal; two Mexican bonds, from San Luis Potosi and Zacatecas; two French feudal double tournois — a 1636 Bois Belle & Henrichemont and a 1623 Dombes; Mark

Wieclaw: silver stater city of Aegina, 510-490 BC; a gold aurus of Caracalla, 198-217 AD; a silver stater struck at the Antioch Mint of Constantine the Great, 307-337 AD; a heavy miliarensis of Constantine II, 337-361 AD; and the outer rim of an encased coin from Mishawaka, Indiana. Steve Zitowsky: France S. Franc pattern from 1848; from German East Africa an 1890 silver proof rupie struck in Berlin, an 1908J silver rupie proof struck in Hamburg and three 1916 20-heller coins struck at the Taveta Mint and made from a salvaged ship and empty British shell casings. Jeff Rosinia: 2006 U.S. Proof sets; a group of different stock certificates from Marshall Fields; two books *Art of the Market — Two Centuries of American Business as seen through its stock certificates*; stock certificates of First National Bank of Chicago and First Chicago Corp.

Under old business, Lyle Daly reported on the nearly completed tri-fold brochure promoting the Club. Overall the feedback was good with several suggested improvements. Lyle also reported some interest in reestablishing a Club group to discuss numismatic related topics. During a previous meeting fur was discussed as a possible primitive money souvenir for the 2007 Chicago International Coin Fair. Donald Dool checked with a fur supplier who speculated 100-150 1-inch squares of beaver fur would cost about \$400.00. This led to a discussion with no decision made. The Secretary reported the Chicago Temple, 77 W. Washington is still renovating their main meeting room. They expect to finish within the next 60 days and have the Club on their list as a possible renter.

Under new business the Secretary reported that Gene Hessler of Cincinnati would be the Club's featured speaker on Saturday, March 9 at the Chicago Paper Money Exposition (CPMX) on the subject *World Bank Note Engravers*. He also reported that Mike Gasvoda will be the featured speaker on ancient Roman coins on Saturday, April 1 at the Chicago International Coin Fair. President Robert Feiler called for a meeting of the Board of Directors on Wednesday, March 15. Jeff Rosinia and Lyle Daly reported discussions but no decisions on a chosen banknote for the CPMX souvenir sheet. Soliciting paid advertising for the *Chatter* was discussed with no decision.

Andy Plioplys inquired into the publication of member's telephone numbers and e-mail addresses. The Secretary spoke on a long-standing Club policy of not sharing addresses or membership lists for security reasons. However, members are encouraged to exchange and share addresses among themselves and any officer, but primarily the Secretary, Treasurer or *Chatter* editor, is in a position to pass on messages from one member to another and as a necessity the telephone numbers or e-mail address of the sender must be included.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Coin Collector Gone Bad: The Numismatic Frauds of Mark Hofmann, the Mormon Murderer

A presentation by Robert D. Leonard Jr. to our February 8, 2006 meeting.

Mark Hoffman was a well-respected member of the autograph community right up his arrest for two fatal 1985 bombings when some of his frauds were about to be exposed. Although he had made some metallic items, he concentrated in documents and other paper items including such numismatic items as scrip, certificates, and notes.

As with most criminals, sources are confused on some details. He was a professional liar for such a long time, that even parts of his confession are doubted. Some details changed over time as he told different things to different people, so it is very hard now to separate the truth from his boasts and his claims.

Bob started his presentation by showing all eight Hofmann-related books and then some selected journals and magazines. The most recent book, from 2004, was written by Charles M. Larson who had guarded Hofmann in prison; Hofmann supposedly told Larson how to counterfeit.

One of his first altered coins was a 1916 US dime with an added D mintmark. The D was added using electroplating, by selectively adding silver in the mintmark area while the surrounding area was masked; pronounced genuine by the Treasury Department. Some doubters question how thoroughly Treasury checked the mintmark, while others who have tried that procedure have not produced good results.

Later, in the 1977-1979 time frame, Mark produced a fake 1900 token for the **Lagoon Amusement Park**. That well known park is still locally owned, and the piece was sold to the owner. Is it a counterfeit or a fantasy piece? No real piece is known, so maybe it is a fantasy. But if such tokens had been created and used, then this piece is a counterfeit. This shows a recurring aspect of many of Hofmann's products: they are an example of something known (in general) to have existed, but no other pieces are available for comparison.

Hofmann joined the Token and Medal Society (TAMS) in 1979, and had an article on an 1844 presidential token published in a 1980 *TAMS Journal*; only to have John J. Ford denounce him as a seller of "fairly modern fantasy

production” in a 1981 *TAMS Journal*.

Another area involves fakes of mint errors. According to Bob Campbell, there are still mint error fakes floating around the Salt Lake City area. Maybe the most famous item claimed by Hofmann is a US 1959-D Wheat Ear Reverse Cent, supposedly found in circulation in 1986. Two times authenticated by the Secret Service, but denied by all grading services. There are a number of reasons to doubt its validity: according to engraver Frank Gasparro, the mint was very concerned about producing such a mule, and therefore was extremely careful during striking; and no such mules showed up in circulation in 1960 during the hunt for small date cents. This piece sold for \$48,300 in 2003, and Bob considers it Hofmann's greatest error forgery.

Hofmann's paper money forgeries were produced in a number of methods. He took remainders and forged names and numbers to make them more valuable — these are the most commonly encountered of Hofmann's forgeries. Other forgeries were made using rubber stamps on modern paper; it sounds impossible that such items could fool anyone, but remember that the originals usually were lithographed, and these were very obscure pieces, almost unique.

Hofmann is remembered mostly for forged and fantasy Mormon documents which fooled leaders of the Mormon Church for a number of years. Yes he used paper from the correct time (obtained by removing blank pages from library books), but then he would use modern ink. A few months after an item was put on a want list, Hoffman produced the item. One of the old lessons that must be relearned every few years is: If something is too good to be true, it is!

Bob distributed a handout of Hofmann's numismatic forgeries, a bibliography, and concluded with some “Lessons and Advice.”

A Question from the Club President

I would like to know if any of the members would prefer to have their issue of the newsletter sent via E-mail rather than by snail mail. If enough people would like the newsletter sent electronically it could help to reduce our postage and production costs. My email address is r.feiler@sbcglobal.net

Bob Feiler

Show and Tell

Items shown at our February 8, 2006 meeting.

1. **Andy Plioplys** showed some Lithuanian-related items:
 - Cancelled bank checks from the 1930s, drawn on the account of the Lithuanian Embassy at Riggs National Bank of Washington, DC. The checks are signed by either the ambassador or his assistant; more recently, that ambassador was one of the signers of the Lithuanian Declaration of Independence in the 1990s. All of the embassy's checks were thought destroyed by the embassy in the 1990s, but some were recently found with other items in a box in Lithuania.
 - Andy concluded by showing many examples of a new type of promissory note; at least new to the gathered club members. Dating from the 1920s and 1930s, these are personal loans which were bought at banks. On the back side are found the signatures of the previous holders. The unique aspect is that they were recognized by the government: they bear government stamps and signatures. Of his 150 examples, Andy has 5 from Jewish institutions which bear Hebrew markings.
2. **Lyle Daly** started with two items acquired at Kane County, then a range of items:
 - A \$50 star note, from the 1977 series with Blumenthal and Morton as signers. Before following her own interests, his wife asked, "You bought a \$50 bill for \$60. Will you pay me \$120 for \$100?"
 - A large Columbian Exposition medal — bronze finish on white metal.
 - He showed the Woodsmen of the World token he had exhibited a few months back, and added some more information about that fraternal organization.
 - Another Woodsmen token; this one appears to be silver, but it has no camp number engraved on the reverse.
 - Next was a new Jefferson nickel with the old Monticello reverse. Lyle did not seem very excited about it, and there were no interesting comments from members.
 - Last was a US \$10 silver certificate overprinted "NORTH AFRICA." The other overprinted US notes from WW II are overprinted "HAWAII" but those used Federal Reserve Notes. Lyle asked about the difference, but no one had an answer; someone ventured that they had used what was handy, so there is no meaning to the choice.

3. **Winston Zack** showed a few 1957 US proof sets, from his grandfather. Most are still in the original, unopened envelopes, but the two from opened paper envelopes show white powdery toning on the silver coins. Some comments were ventured, but no consensus was reached.
4. **Bob Leonard** showed gold dinars of the first 6 sultans of the Ayyubid dynasty (1169-1240) which ruled in Egypt and Palestine. Laid out together in issued order, some characteristics are obvious: circular inscriptions on the first three and linear inscriptions on the last three. Although all are about the same size, the weights of these 6 pieces varied from less than 6 grams to more than 9 grams; but that is not unusual for pieces that passed by weight. These coins were struck from brass dies which can still be used after breaking (iron dies would shatter); that is why cracks are not rare on these coins.
5. **Don Dool** has expanded his scripophily collection to include all of Latin America, so he started with some additions to it.
 - Nineteenth century bonds from two companies in Mexico: one in San Luis Potosi, the other in Zacatecas.
 - A complete Paraguayan copper coin collection consists of 6 coins — Don has 3 and showed: an 1845 1/12 R from the Heaton mint, an 1845 1/12 R from the Ascuncion mint (made from poor quality dies), and a 1945 numismatic society medal honoring the centenary of the mint shows the 1/12 R coin as part of the design.
 - A 1636 double tournois with the bust of Maximilian I on the obverse and seven *fleur de lis* on the reverse.
 - A 1623 double tournois with three *fleur de lis* on the reverse and an unattractive portrait of the ruler on the obverse.
6. **Mark Wieclaw** showed mostly ancient coins. Some very nice coins.
 - The Greek city of Aegina issued silver coins with a sea turtle design. Issued from 510-490 BC, this is one of the nicest examples Mark or we have seen.
 - An aureus of emperor Caracalla, struck 206-207. This gold coin was not as stunning as another one he saw and wanted, but this still is a very nice example. The reverse shows Victory in a biga.
 - An anapagraphic coin of Constantine the Great. (That is the fancy way of saying “no legends on obverse.”) The reverse shows Victory advancing.
 - A beautiful coin of Constantius II, with four standards on the reverse.
 - Found at work in a box of coins bought from a dealer, part of a good-for token bearing “123 N. Main Strret, Mishawaka, Ind.” Only the “ring” remains; the hole size does not match any US coin, so Mark cannot tell what had been in there.
7. **Steve Zitowsky** rought much material about German East Africa, but

he started with a French pattern.

- A lovely 1848 pattern 5 Franc, made of tin or white metal. Most of the pieces listed in Krause have someone's name, but not this piece. Steve is looking for more information.
- An 1890 rupee from the GEA company, and a proof 1908 rupee from GEA.
- Steve then distributed a handout on the German military leader in GEA during WW I as an introduction to the next items.
- Locally struck coins from the Tabora mint in 1916, during WW I. The metal for these pieces came from various local sources, including salvage from a scuttled German warship, copper wiring, and shell cases. The 20 Heller coins are the most common now, and Steve explained the major differences between the varieties: the two known obverses have either a large or small crown, and the three reverses have either a pointed or curly tip on the two "L"s of Heller.

8. **Jeff Rosinia** showed a range of items:

- Regular and proof U.S. State Quarter sets from 2006.
- A set of five different Marshall Fields stock certificates. The name has been merely a division of a larger company for some years now, and sometime in 2006 the name of the stores will change.
- Two specimen stock certificates from the First National Bank of Chicago, another example of a Chicago company which no longer exists.

Birthday and Year Joined

April 1 Charles J. Ryant, Jr.

April 12 Mark Wieclaw 1991

April 15 Robert D. Leonard, Jr. 1983

April 15 Charles Menard 1995

April 27 Don Valenziano 1982

Our 1047th Meeting

Date: March 8, 2006, **First session**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: John Riley - *U.S. Military Decorations*

John's interest comes from his older brother, David, who, in addition to writing *Uncommon Valor* on the medallic issues of the U.S. Navy & Marine Corps, was the longtime webmaster for the Orders & Medal Society of America. As a Navy officer 1985-89, John found it an asset to be able to identify the more obscure awards and insignia that service members were entitled to wear.

Most coin collectors are familiar with A.A. Weinman's "Mercury" dime and Walking Liberty half; we have known James Earle Fraser's buffalo nickel since we were kids. Those two and the U.S. mint were central figures in the design of several classic U.S. military medals.

Examples of medals done by most of them and good reference material will be presented, along with some background perspective from George Washington's clumsy cloth "Purple Heart" in 1782 to the service medal issued for the War on Terrorism.

Date: March 11, 2006 **Second session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: Gene Hessler - *World Bank Note Engravers*

Hessler's topic reflects his newly published book *The International Engraver's Line* that received a rave review in the February, 2006 issue of *Bank Note Reporter* (page 73). The 392-page book spotlights the lives and achievements of international master engravers and the world bank notes they designed. When reviewing the book, collectors will recognize familiar portraits, buildings and animal vignettes. Now the vignettes can be tied to the specific engravers who created them. The book is a lasting tribute to a dying profession and the talented men and women who excelled at it from the 18th century through today. This book follows Hessler's *The Engraver's Line*, a 400+ page encyclopedia highlighting the masters of engraving work done in the United States and published in 1993.

Gene Hessler is a recognized researcher, author of 350+ articles, editor and lecturer in the field of numismatics. He has served as curator of The Chase Manhattan Bank Money Museum in New York City, and the Mercantile Bank Money Museum in St. Louis. His other books include *Comprehensive Catalog of U.S. Paper Money*, *U.S. Essay, Proof and Specimen Notes* and *An Illustrated History of U.S. Loans, 1775-1898*. The search engine Google has 137,000 resulting references under Gene Hessler.

Important Dates

- March 8** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - John Riley on *U.S. Military Decorations*
- March 10-12** 12th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo (CPMX) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, formerly the Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
- March 11** CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Exposition, which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, formerly the Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - Gene Hessler on *World Bank Note Engravers*.
- Mar 31 - Apr 2** 30th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, formerly the Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
- April 1** CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, formerly the Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - Mike Gasvoda on *to be announced*
- April 12** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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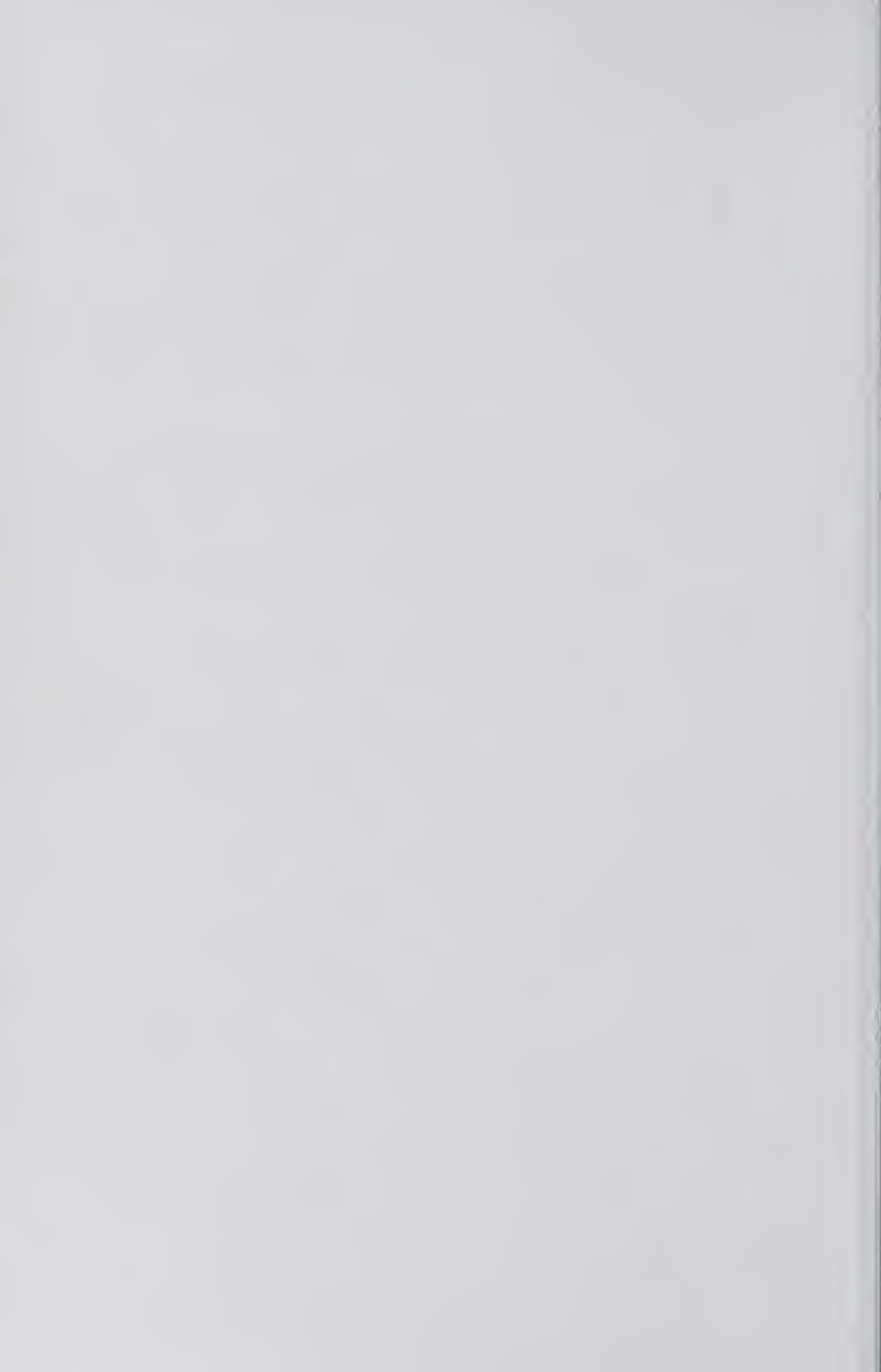
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Minutes of the 1047th Meeting

Session I of the 1047th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:10 PM by President Robert Feiler with 14 members and one guest present, Jason Freeman, son of member Eugene Freeman.

The February Minutes as published in the *Chatter* were approved. Lyle Daly offered a correction on his list of items for the Show and Tell portion in the newsletter. Instead of saying “overprinted,” it should have said “yellow seals.” The treasurer’s report by Steven Zitowsky showed February revenue of \$120.00, expenses \$102.40 showing a net income of \$17.60 and \$9,305.97 in the treasury.

First V.P. Jeff Rosinia introduced the evening speaker John Riley who spoke on “U.S. Military Decorations.” Afterwards Jeff presented John with an engraved speaker’s medal and an ANA educational certificate.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the evening’s exhibitors: Robert Leonard - five different promissory notes from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries; Steve Zitowsky – 3 Ethiopian service medals, 5 Italian service medals, a modern Ethiopian service badge and patch; Eugene Freeman – a check from First National Bank, Albia, Iowa issued in 1875 with reverse imprint, a warrant from the Texian Navy from the Republic of Texas and a 1900 series \$10,000 U.S. gold note; Mark Wieclaw – a silver denarius Julius Caesar (100-44 BC), silver denarius Sextus Pompei (44-35 BC) and three Einstein medals from the Harry Flower collection; Lyle Daly – a book by Roger Burdette *The Renaissance of American Coinage, 1916-1921*, three Standing Liberty U.S. quarters 1917 Type I, 1920 Type II and 1927 Type IIA.

Under old business Robert Leonard reported good progress on the primitive money souvenir card for the upcoming Chicago International Coin Fair. The cacao beans are on order and the article is very advanced. Lyle Daly reported the completion of the tri-fold brochure promoting the Club and passed one out to everyone in attendance. His work received a full round of applause. President Feiler brought up the results compiled from a survey taken of the membership in 2005 and mentioned he didn’t want to see it die. Robert Leonard spoke briefly of the benefits received from the helpfulness of the members and thought it would be a good idea for members to exchange “want lists.” Jeff Rosinia reported on the near completion of the souvenir card for the upcoming Chicago Paper Money Expo. This year the subject is the Union National Bank of Chicago.

Under new business it was announced that the *Chatter* can be e-mailed to interested members. Editor Paul Hybert explained that technically it won't arrive in member's inbox. Instead it would be a notice that the *Chatter* could be found on the Club's web site ChicagoCoinClub.org. Carl Wolf announced the sale of four full-pages of advertising for \$250.00 each for 12 months. He also announced that the collection of William Pettit, a past-president, was in the inventory stage and it appears his collection of Chicago Coin Club material will be on the Club's November auction. A brief discussion was held concerning the controversy at the ANA involving the ejection of a governor.

The meeting was recessed at 9 PM to be re-adjoined at 1 PM on Saturday, March 11th at the 12th Annual Chicago Paper Money Expo, Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. The featured speaker will be Gene Hessler who will speak on "World Bank Note Engravers."

Session II of the 1047th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 1 PM on Saturday, March 11, 2006 by President Robert Feiler with 34 members and 19 guests present. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Chicago Paper Money Expo, Crowne Plaza O'Hare Hotel, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL.

President Feiler delivered a welcoming address and gave first reading to the applications of Joe Boling from Federal Way, WA, and Wendell Wolka of Greenwood, IN.

Second Vice President Lyle Daly introduced noted currency expert Gene Hessler who delivered a talk "World Bank Note Engravers," based on his recently published book *The International Engravers Line*. Hessler accentuated the talk with a selection of computer projected images and related his personal correspondence with a number of international engravers. Many of the images showed the beautiful detailed work of master engravers who so often go unrecognized. During a question and answer period, Hessler said there are about 900 engravers listed in his recently published book. Following a round of applause Daly presented Hessler with an ANA educational certificate and an engraved speaker's medal.

Carl Wolf spoke of the Club's souvenir card project. The subject of the 2006 issue was the Union National Bank of Chicago. Member Jeff Rosinia, who was unable to attend, was credited for authoring the last four souvenir CPMX cards. Rosinia was given a warm round of applause in appreciation of his work. Following tradition, serial no. 3 was presented to speaker Gene Hessler.

When the meeting adjourned at 2 PM, a number of attendees gathered around Hessler to buy a signed copy of his book.

Respectfully submitted
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d

U.S. Military Decorations

A presentation by John Riley to our March 8, 2006 meeting.

John is an “accidental” collector with a strong leaning towards the Navy and Marine Corps series. He was in the Navy, as was his older brother David who wrote *Uncommon Valor* on the medallic issues of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. In his presentation, John showed how the nature of U.S. medals changed from the earliest efforts during the Revolutionary War to the most recent medals.

In the earliest days of the American revolution, symbols of achievement were the lowest on a long list of priorities: the men often had no shoes, uniforms were homespun at best, and their weaponry was their own hunting irons brought from home. There was also a natural reluctance to follow any British-style pomp and display in uniform; our first soldiers and sailors were, by and large, simple farmers, frontiersmen, or recent immigrants with little inclination towards pagentry. General George Washington did personally oversee one simple award for especially meritorious service; the original Purple Heart was a simple heart-shaped patch sewn onto the sleeve.

As the Revolution progressed with France as a valued ally, Washington's officers became entitled to a French decoration, *The Order of Cincinnatus*. After the war, a fraternal veteran's group for former and serving officers was formed in Philadelphia; known as the Society of the Cincinnati, the society still exists today for descendants of Revolutionary War officers.

Although private issuances were done, virtually nothing changed on a national scale until the Civil War when a loosely regulated Medal of Honor was created. Flag bearers had a particularly dangerous job and were common recipients of this award, but favored local sons and even nurses were awarded the honor over greatly differing circumstances and for deeds of various levels of difficulty. John showed a later Grand Army of the Republic reunion badge which was patterned after the original award. In addition, many units issued their own commemorative awards, both ribboned and as pocket pieces. Stack's of New York occasionally will have these in their auctions.

The Navy saw a need by the 1880s to recognize good order and discipline in the enlisted men and created the first “Good Conduct” medal in 1884. John showed a modern copy but faithful to the design, size, and ribbon. The other services followed with similar awards by the World War I period.

In the 1890s, the U.S. War Department adopted the British idea of campaign medals; the first of these were for actions against the Spanish in Cuba and the Philippines. The Sampson medal is the Navy's award to all participants in the sea battles around Cuba. The bust of Admiral William Sampson was executed by the

long-time Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint, George Morgan. Daniel Chester French, whose greatest fame was as a Lincoln sculptor most noted for the Lincoln Memorial, designed the Dewey medal. Largely a tribute to Admiral George Dewey, the hero of the Philippines naval campaign and his casualty-free conquest of the Spanish Fleet at Manila Bay, the reverse shows a sailor on a cannon. Admiral Dewey wore his personal medal with the reverse side displayed!

In 1908, retroactive service medals for the Civil War and Indian Wars were produced. Service protecting American interests in China's Boxer Rebellion, Haiti and Mexico all had their own service medals. James Earle Fraser, designer of the 1913 Buffalo nickel, designed the U.S. Victory Medal of World War I; it is a rugged and simple design in high relief. The hurried coordination of a unified Allied Service Medal, to show a depiction of a radiant winged angel symbolizing victory over oppression and a listing of the Allied participants, resulted in a total of fourteen variations representing the 16 major Allies. John showed many of these rainbow-ribboned decorations and pointed out their differences: the Japanese had no translation for an "angel," so a samurai figure was used, Greece used a ghost or spirit, and there are many different styles of angels. John showed a similarly designed piece, new to him and recently acquired on eBay; from the Philippines (a U.S. Territory) for service in Europe, it is in terrible condition — used as a pocket piece.

John's favorite design, for its rugged simple lines, is another classic Fraser work, The Navy Cross, the second highest award for personal valor. The 1920s and 30s were the heyday of U.S. Mint artists involved in War Department projects. Adolf Weinman, another Lincoln sculptor and of Winged Head Liberty Dime fame as well as the Walking Liberty half, designed a number of military medals. The Navy Expeditionary Medal is an example that is still in use today. This is a good illustration of an early, high relief strike, thick planchet, ringed suspension example and readily identifiable over later commercial copies.

John Sinnock, a staff engraver with the Mint and designer of the Roosevelt dime, was involved throughout his career with military work. In addition to a few campaign medals, he modeled the Purple Heart medal when enemy-inflicted wound recognition went from a certificate to an actual medal in 1932. In John's opinion, the Yangtze Service Medal is Sinnock's finest work. This medal is stunning in its original high relief form and the flat casting of the shown piece is a dead giveaway of a modern commercial piece.

Medals fall into a strange category: there are no "fakes," per se. The value is in originality and whether or not it was, or could have been, awarded to an eligible recipient. Edge-numbered or -lettered pieces, especially with original boxes and documents, are the most sought. You can still request from the Department of Defense your great, great, great grandfather's Civil War Service Medal — the medal itself may have been struck in the past year, but it would nonetheless be a genuine Civil War Service Medal. Production has been contracted out off-and-on from the earliest days and isn't the consideration of authenticity that we demand in the coin world. Now there are replacement medal vendors that can get you

pretty much anything you want.

There is one and only one medal that is held above marketing and that is the (Congressional) Medal of Honor. You won't be finding one on eBay, and the FBI enforces its status. John showed one which had been part of a medal display set given by the Navy to a new ROTC unit at the University of Missouri shortly after World War II. John's brother David was working on the early stages of his book when in college there in the early 70s and the set was given to him because of his interest and caretaking — the university couldn't sell the medals at the time, particularly this one, and it was a storage and accountability problem to them.

By the final days of World War II, the War Department had been phased out in favor of the concept of a Department of Defense. Awards added during this period include those for achievement and merit. Award designs came under the jurisdiction of the Department of Heraldry; staff artists were used with an eye toward efficiencies and costs, production was contracted out to the lowest bidder, and no longer were outside artists solicited. Design credit to any one individual seems to end after 1943. Broader, generic medal designs that didn't favor one branch of service over another were the norm. The changeover occurred to an "Armed Forces" Expeditionary Medal or an "Armed Forces" Meritorious Service Medal, a standard that carries over to the present day. John showed a War on Terrorism Service Medal; its design style lacks any artistry (or so thought our members).

The best source for more information is the Orders & Medals Society of America — they can be found easily on the web at www.omsa.com. Most libraries have good references and there are many other internet references — the Navy History Center has much information on the web.

New *Chatter* Delivery Option

The print version of the *Chatter* is simply a printout of the *Chatter* web page, with a little cutting and pasting to fill out each print page. The web page is available before the *Chatter* is mailed. To save the club money and ensure timely delivery, we are giving club members the option of receiving an email whenever a new *Chatter* is on the club's website; the mail will include a link to the latest issue.

If you would like to receive an email alert **instead of a mailed print copy** send an email to chatter_editor@yahoo.com. You can resume receiving a mailed print copy at any time, just by sending another email.

Speaker's Wor[ld]

World Bank Note Engravers

A presentation by Gene Hessler to our March 11, 2006 meeting.

Gene's latest book, *The International Engraver's Line*, was a fun book to write because of the engravers he met, both in person and through correspondence. It was originally planned as an extended article, but it grew as many of the engravers provided names of their colleagues. He estimated 6,000 hours of his time to make this book; there are 900 engravers among the book's 1,000 entries (some are banknote companies). During the presentation, Gene told stories about gathering the information as well as about the displayed close-ups of printed engraved items.

After obtaining a new name, Gene typically wrote a letter asking each engraver for a biography and a sample of work. Gene's U.S. book, *The Engraver's Line*, was used to show what he hoped to achieve. He also wrote to the appropriate government office, but with varied results: some never replied, some replied that the names of their engravers could not be divulged, and others provided the information. Some countries treat the engravers' identities as a state secret, while Hungary places the names of designers and engravers on the notes. A number of engravers offered such assistance as, "The person you really have to get in contact with is ..."

Many engravers were very generous in sending old works to Gene. Much of what he has are considered proofs, because the engraving was never used on an issued item. He also has multiple examples of the same subject, such as the two engravings of a New Zealand bird; he and the audience really got into it as we alternated the displayed slide, trying to identify the subtle differences such as how far the tail feathers extend beyond a branch. Unfortunately, many engravers could not provide a list of all works because they had never kept such a record.

The first set of displayed images had been provided by Czech engravers. The first design for a World War II note of occupied Bohemia was rejected because the figure of a woman with a cap was emblematic of Liberty. The issued design showed the same woman but without the cap. After the war, the issued design showed the same woman but with the liberty cap.

Close-ups of some designs showed that some initials do make it into the final product, contrary to the security companies' official policy of not allowing such marks. It takes 10 years of work to be a portrait engraver — to acquire the skill needed to turn cross hatching into shading and texture. The roll on a lapel still takes a human touch, but Gene sees a bleak future for engravers working on steel plates. The young engravers at most firms are being trained with the latest in computer equipment; the older engravers are being either retired or kept around

for touch-ups when the computer generated work is not satisfactory.

The age of hand engraving upon a steel plate, and then using a transfer roller to produce the printing plate, seems to be drawing to a close. The next series of plates will be computer generated, but human artistic input still will be needed. Engraving is no longer the primary defense against counterfeiting; color shifting inks and other technologies now have a part. In response to a question, Gene pointed out that the beautiful scroll work on late nineteenth U.S. paper money was engraved by machine, not by hand. The use of computers is only a change, not the end of engraving.

Our 1048th Meeting

Date: April 1, 2006 **First session**

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: At the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: Mike Gasvoda - *Roman Imperial Coinage, Julius Caesar to the Naming of Augustus — 49-27 BC*

This presentation covers the early part of Mike's collecting specialty, the coinage of the twelve Caesars. Some members might know Mike for his articles in the *Celator* magazine.

Date: April 12, 2006, **Second session**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago
At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and **everyone** must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Steve Zarlenga - *The Lost Science of Money*

In his recently published book, *The Lost Science of Money*, Steve tells the story of how money was discovered, lost and rediscovered through history. It is a pattern that keeps repeating itself even today.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our March 8, 2006 meeting.

1. As a followup to Andy's Lithuanian promissory notes from last month, **Robert Leonard** showed a few domestic promissory notes from his collection of 40 years:
 - A Bill of Exchange for 321 Spanish Milled Dollars from 1792. Typically, a bill of exchange was issued in triplicate—but only the first to be presented would be honored. This did not reflect any fraudulent intention, only the prevalence of ship sinkings and other disruptions to commerce.
 - A 1797 bill from Santo Domingo. The reverse is covered with endorsements, first in French, then in English.
 - An 1841 promissory note for 150 dollars, due 4 months after date.
 - The second of three bills, issued in Philadelphia and due in London. The first bill must have been received already, for this is not marked as paid.
 - The Morris Plan Company of New York made what are now known as “consumer loans.” An example from 1919 for \$200 has 5 co-signers, and it bears some war tax revenue stamps.
 - A 1969 promissory note Bob used to pay the down payment for his house; he retrieved the note in a few days when he brought in a check.
2. To complement the evening's featured talk on U.S. military decorations, **Steve Zitowsky** showed Ethiopian-related medals and badges:
 - Three Ethiopian medals: a 1924 Order of Menelik II, the Lion of Judah; an undated Order of St. George for Valor (second class) from the 1844-1913 era; and a 1952 silvered Haile Selassie second class medal.
 - Five related to the Italian colony of Eritrea: East African service medal; for Eritrean colonials fighting with the Italian army, battles are listed on reverse; Merit of War, with a Victor Emanuel III cartouche; for Military Valor in 1913 Libya, with a bust of Victor Emanuel II; a Tenth Legion medal, showing Vesuvius erupting on the far side of a harbor.
 - A patch from the Ethiopian Army unit to which Steve was attached.
 - An Ethiopian jump badge, with wings.
3. **Eugene Freeman** showed some unusual pieces of paper money:
 - For a time in the nineteenth century, a 2-cent documentary tax

was due on every check. Usually paid by affixing a tax stamp, but after a while some checks included the tax stamp in the design; the price of the blank checks included the tax. Eugene showed such an example from 1875.

- From the Republic of Texas in 1841, a “Texian Navy Warrant” for “50 dollars out of first appropriation to arrive”.
- A 1917 Federal Reserve note for \$10,000 in gold, only used for transactions between Reserve Banks. This was cancelled after being used, and then stored in a warehouse. During a fire, paper objects were thrown out to slow the fire. This piece has a small water stain, but is much nicer than most available to collectors.

4. **Mark Wieclaw** showed three Einstein medals (ex-collection of late club member Harry Flower) and then some ancient Roman coins.

- A 1984 artist’s proof medal to Harry from the artist, Alex Shagen.
- A huge bronze medal (#4 of 100) designed by Alex Shagen to Harry.
- A unique Del Novanta Santi medal from 1979. In its own box, bearing a label with Harry’s address.
- A silver denarius of Sextus Pompei from the late Roman Republic. The reverse shows a galley, as he had a fleet after Caesar’s death; after taking Sicily, he went on to more battles, until he was killed after a defeat.
- A life-time issue silver denarius of Julius Caesar.

5. **Lyle Daly** showed items related to early twentieth century U.S. coinage:

- A copy of Roger Burdette’s *Renaissance of American Coinage 1916-1921*. A brief discussion followed; the early response to this new book is favorable.
- A three-piece type set of the Standing Liberty Quarter designed by Herbert MacNeil:
 - The 1917 date is on a raised area, the designer’s **M** initial is bold, there are many dots on the shield, and there are no stars below the eagle on the reverse.
 - The 1920 date still is on a raised area, but there are fewer dots on the shield, and three stars are below the eagle.
 - The 1925 date is recessed.
- Lyle concluded by noting that a MacNeil work is across the street in the rotunda of the Marquette Building—the Pierre Marquette plaque.

Important Dates

- Mar 31 - Apr 2** 30th Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, formerly the Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5 for Friday and Saturday; free on Sunday.
- April 1** CCC Meeting - 1pm at the Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), which is held at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare, formerly the Holiday Inn O'Hare, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - Mike Gasvoda on *Roman Imperial Coinage, Julius Caesar to the Naming of Augustus — 49-27 BC*
- April 12** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Steve Zarlenga on *The Lost Science of Money*
- May 10** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Birthday and Year Joined

May 2	Donn Pearlmann	1979
May 8	Sharon Blocker	2000
May 10	Marty Vink	1952
May 11	William A. Burd	1993
May 11	Jeffrey Rosinia	1995
May 15	Jay M. Galst	1991
May 17	Paul R. Hybert	1994
May 23	Robert J. Weinstein	1991

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Editor's Notes

My apologies for the lateness and brevity of this issue; my five-day business trip to Montana turned into a busy ten-day trip.

Paul Hybert, editor

Minutes of the 1048th Meeting

Session I of the 1048th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held in conjunction with the 31st Annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF), Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare, 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont. The meeting was called to order at 1 PM by President Robert Feiler with 31 members and 27 guests present.

Following a welcome address by President Feiler, Second Vice President Lyle Daly introduced the featured speaker Mike Gasvoda who delivered an excellent presentation *Roman Coinage from the Roman Invasion of Julius Caesar to the naming of Augustus, 49-27 BC*. The MS PowerPoint presentation was accompanied with a 7-page color printed handout and coins from his collection. Daly presented Mike with an ANA educational certificate and an engraved Club medal. Coins used in the presentation were made available for viewing when the meeting recessed.

This was the 20th year the CCC distributed a souvenir at the CICF. Robert Leonard spoke briefly on the current souvenir educational card titled *Mexican Chocolate Money*, that included 6 cacao beans imported from Mexico. He also spoke of three past souvenirs still for sale dealing with a Mexican theme — Obsidian Money, Cloth Money and Axe Money.

The meeting was recessed at 2 PM and will be re-adjoined at 7 PM, April 12th, at the usual meeting site Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor Conference Room, Downtown Chicago.

Session II of the 1048th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was reconvened by President Robert Feiler at 7:00 PM on April 12, 2006 with twelve members and two guests present. Guests were Jason Freeman and Stephen A. Zarlinga, the evening's guest speaker.

Membership applications of Joseph Boling, Federal Way, WA, and Wendell Wolka, Greenwood, IN received second readings. Both were unanimously accepted into membership. The application for junior membership of Jason Freeman, son of member Eugene Freeman, received first reading.

The May Minutes printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported \$1,109.65 in revenue, \$391.86 in expenses and \$10,023.76 in assets as of March 31, 2006. Steve reported that \$500.00 of the revenue was two payments for *Chatter* advertising, he also received a check for an additional \$250.00 after March 31st and only one check remains outstanding. The report was approved as read.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the evening's speaker — Stephen A. Zarlinga, the author of *The Lost Science of Money*. Steve gave an interesting in-depth talk on the origins and definitions of money in ancient Greece and Rome. Following his 60-minute talk with many questions, Stephen was presented with an ANA educational certificate and an engraved club medal.

The nine exhibitors for the evening were: STEVE HUBER – 3 world crowns; ROBERT LEONARD – a copy of an article written by him in the April 11, 1990 *Coin World* that references the Gospel of Judas, a current topic in the news, and a 2003 1-oz. U.S. Liberty \$10 coin with literature calling it “inflation proof currency,” a 2005 1-oz. U.S. Liberty \$20 coin and news clippings of these coins being spent for face value; ELLIOT KRIETER – updated graphs on base and precious metals; ROBERT FEILER – a JP Morgan – Chase – Bank One acquisition chart since 1799 to date and obsolete remainder notes \$10, \$20 and \$50 denominations from the Canal Bank; MARK WIECLAW – paper wrapper that held 6 1967 Red Books, CCC 1000th meeting medal in gold (8-oz), \$1.00 coins shaped like guitars issued in 2004 from Somalia, and an Athenian tetradrachm 465-460 BC; EUGENE FREEMAN – a 1919 1-cent from Palo Seco Leprosarium in the Canal Zone, three different British colonial coins used in Ceylon and Jamaica; DON DOOL – San Martin Medals, a article written by him and published in the January 2000 *World Coin News* on Hungary Malcontents, and a 1708 siege coin; STEVE ZITOWSKY – 4 Papal-Vatican coins and a Papal medal; LYLE DALY - \$1, \$2 and \$5 U.S. Educational Notes with allegorical explanations.

Under business, President Feiler announced there was a supply of tri-fold brochures for members to take. Lyle Daly reported that all was okay with the current meeting site. Mark Wieclaw reported that another Club member, Harlan Berk, was the recipient of a Numismatic Ambassador Award at the recent Chicago International Coin Fair. A warm round of applause followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Roman Imperial Coinage, Julius Caesar to the Naming of Augustus — 49-27 BC

A presentation by Mike Gasvoda to our April 1, 2006 meeting.

Roman coinage has a long history, covering many centuries. During the Republican era (before 49 BC), coin obverses show a god and reverses show attributes. During the Imperial era (after 27 BC), the emperor is on the obverse and propagandistic themes are on the reverse. In between those two eras is the Imperial era, the subject of Mike's presentation.

The era's name comes from the word for a Roman general, *Imperator*. This was a tumultuous time in Roman history, starting with Caesar crossing the Rubicon with his army, and ending with the Senate renaming Octavian *Augustus*. Mike used maps to show the travels of and conflicts between the historical figures, and his coins to demonstrate the eight major design theme changes in going from Republican to Imperial coinage.

After crossing the Rubicon, Caesar assumed his *own authority* to mint coins; prior to that, only the Senate had that authority. The second change was using coin designs to promote himself, using propaganda of his success in Gaul. A Gallic warrior bust appears on the obverse, while the reverse shows a Gallic warrior on a two-horse biga. The third change was the resumption of a gold coinage, but much larger than before.

Although opposing Caesar, the protectors of the Republic follow Caesar's coinage lead; they issue coins in their own name, and under their own authority. Next, Caesar's portrait appears on his coinage which is minted extensively. That is four changes in five years — and all stick.

A group of three leaders is known as a *triumvirate*. The first triumvirate was unofficial, between a rich man and two generals. The second triumvirate was official, ratified by the Senate. Octavian, Caesar's adopted son, entered the picture here as a very junior partner. The fifth change, dynastic coinage, was introduced here. This would become commonplace, and Mike showed a one of Antony's coins with Caesar on the reverse.

Following Caesar's murder, Brutus and Cassius assume coinage authority, issue coins with their names, and even issue gold. Mike pointed out the striking similarity between one of Brutus' coins and one of Caesar's from five years earlier. Brutus uses his own image on the **EID MAR** coin.

The sixth change is the resumption of a bronze coinage. With Caesar now

deified, Octavian introduces the seventh change; the legend **DIVI F** presents himself as the son of a god. Octavian's challengers use their own portraits on coins, and Antony introduces the eighth change by adding the portrait of his wife on his coinage. Many relatives will appear on coins of the Imperial period.

Mike showed examples from Antony's moving mint coinage. A series of coins was issued for each legion, and these are believed minted in Greece. Octavian's final victory over Antony and Cleopatra resulted in many issues, including Victory standing atop a globe.

It took only 22 years to go from the Republican style to the Imperial style, with that style remaining until the Byzantine era. After the presentation, Mike's coins were available in a case for viewing.

Our 1049th Meeting

Date: May 10, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and **everyone** must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Eugene Freeman - *Money for Texas*

This will be an overview of the numismatic issues related to Texas, including the Spanish, Republic of Texas, and Confederacy periods. The numismatic issues include coins, such as the 1817 and 1818 half reales (*jolas*) of San Antonio. They also include the paper money and bonds of the Republic of Texas, and the scrip of the Confederate State of Texas.

Birthday and Year Joined

June 7	Harlan J. Berk	1995
June 11	Joseph A. Piekarczyk	1991
June 12	Rosalind Ryant	1977
June 27	James Simek	1973

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Roman Money in 45 Minutes

A presentation by Steve Zarlenga to our April 12, 2006 meeting.

Steve started by mentioning his book *The Lost Science of Money* published by the American Monetary Institute, which covers the subject more thoroughly than can be done in 45 minutes. The AMI is on the web at <http://www.monetary.org>

Using historical case studies (the approach of the AMI) Steve made the argument that the conventional wisdom of the primitive and advanced periods of Roman finance is backwards. Just as the Trojan War was dismissed as mythology until a century ago, Steve believes that some long-held numismatic myths are actually facts.

In 350 BC, Aristotle had the idea that money exists not by nature, but by law. Plato agreed — money is a token for purposes of exchange. It is the search for something with a nominal value, independent of the vagaries of supply and demand. Steve's contention is that a government can designate anything as money by making that item acceptable for payment of taxes.

His example was the Roman census which required contributing a certain amount per person, with different amounts for births and deaths, for men, women, and children. A form of fiat money based in law was used, based upon one *nomisma* worth 30 ounces of bronze. But although the size of a *nomisma* shrank over time, possibly for more convenient handling, the declared value was constant. However, historians of the 19th and 20th centuries saw a series of differently weighed items and thought they passed by weight.

By using copper fiat pieces for their money, the Romans controlled their own economy and kept it from being influenced by the eastern empires which used silver and gold commodity coinages. The Roman unification of the Italian peninsula required a monetary way to include the Greek city states used to silver. The solution was to use both bronze coins bearing a denomination along with external (silver) coins which did not have denominations.

Rome never issued gold coins in its first 500 years. Oath coins were used in 218 BC during Hannibal's war, and about 40 are now known. Only about 108 of the Mars Eagle gold coinage of 209 BC are now known, out of the estimated 256,000 struck from treasury gold. The Punic wars eventually destroyed Rome's fiat money system, requiring a commodity monetary system.

But while some historians view that transition as *advancing to gold and silver*, Steve sees it as *leaving legal money*.

This summary merely gives a flavor of Steve's takes on a number of historical events. His well organized presentation made for an interesting evening, and after the talk a number of members gathered information on AMI and bought a copy of Steve's book.

Important Dates

May 10 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Eugene Freeman on *Money for Texas*

Our June meeting will consist of two sessions: we will end the first session with a recess (instead of an adjournment), and we will reconvene for the second session at the MidAmerica Coin Expo.

June 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Philip J. Carrigan on *Charles Barber and His Coins*

June 23-25 MidAmerica Coin Expo at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5.

June 24 CCC Meeting - 1pm in the Mr. Lincoln Room of the DoubleTree Hotel which is across the street from the MidAmerica Coin Expo, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.
Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

July 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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The print version of the *Chatter* is simply a printout of the *Chatter* web page, with a little cutting and pasting to fill out each print page. The web page is available before the *Chatter* is mailed. To save the club money and ensure timely delivery, we are giving club members the option of receiving an email whenever a new *Chatter* is on the club's website; the mail will include a link to the latest issue.

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Show and Tell

Items shown at our April 12, 2006 meeting.

1. **Steve Huber** started the exhibits with three recent purchases:
 - A high-quality 1690 James II gunmoney crown, struck in silver and out of collar. Circulation pieces of this type were struck over half crowns with part of the host coin visible. This silver piece's high quality and lack of any trace of the host coin lead Steve to believe it could be a pattern.
 - A 1661 double taler from Saxony, for the chapel at Moritzburg.
 - A 1790 double taler from the Bishopric of Eichstadt has an all-seeing eye and patron saints in clouds over an empty throne; the design symbolizes the vacant office.
2. **Robert Leonard** brought some old and recent clippings:
 - Recent news stories covered the discovery of a copy of the Gospel of Judas. Bob showed his article from the April 11, 1990 *Coin World* which referenced the gospel which at that time was known through second-hand references.
 - The American Liberty Dollar is a one ounce piece of silver. Bob showed clippings offering them for \$10 in 1998, and then for \$20 in 2005. That led to a brief discussion of attempts to circulate these pieces in some areas of the US.
3. In light of the rising prices for gold and silver, **Elliot Kreiter** showed five-year graphs, obtained from kitco.com, of prices of various metals, including: aluminum, nickel, lead, zinc, copper, silver, gold, platinum, paladium, and rhodium. Some of the precious metals are used in catalytic converters.
4. Banks buying other banks has been occurring for years. **Bob Feiler** showed a JP Morgan Chase buyout chart, listing founding year and acquisition year for each of the acquired banks. The earliest founding was in 1791, and locally, we had First National Bank of Chicago going into NBD, which went into Bank One, which recently became part of JP Morgan Chase. New Orleans' Canal and Banking Company, founded in 1831, was also listed on the chart. That link was in the news recently, because the Chicago City Council wanted to determine which banks doing business with Chicago have a connection with slavery. Then Bob showed remainder obsolete 10, 20, and 50 dollar notes from that bank; printed on both sides (unusual for the time), these are some of the most commonly available notes of the pre-Civil War era.
5. **Mark Wieclaw** showed his usual wide range of items:
 - A recent purchase of five cases of numismatic books included

six 1967 Red Books still wrapped together; Mark showed us only the wrapper. Then on to the main items.

- Acquired at CICF, a set of six one dollar copper-nickel guitar-shaped pieces from Somalia, dated 2004.
- An original gold 8 ounce 1000th meeting medal of the Chicago Coin Club. Mark has heard that one of the other gold pieces was melted for bullion recently.
- An early Athenian tetradrachm, from 486-460 BC.

6. **Eugene Freeman** showed items acquired at CICF:

- From the Palo Seco Leper Colony in the Canal Zone a 1919 one cent piece. According to records, most were melted in 1958; The Eugene listed the issued denominations and how many were turned in to be melted.
- An 1853 1½ pence piece intended for use in both Ceylon and Jamaica.
- An 1853 half Farthing.
- An 1822 one-sixteenth dollar piece of anchor money intended for the British West Indies as well as Mauritius.

7. **Doon Dool** showed a range of coins and medals:

- His first coin dated 2006 is a 10 centavos of Argentina, the only coin issued in 2006.
- A San Martin medal in aluminum, struck in 1910 for the centenary of Argentine independence.
- A 1904 aluminum World's Fair souvenir; Don is looking for a similar Argentine piece.
- A cast "pound of bronze" medal of San Martin, probably issued in 1950.
- His column in the January 2000 *World Coin News* on Hungarian coins issued by the malcontents. Then he showed us some of those coins.

8. **Steve Zitowsky** showed some Papal/Vatican coins:

- An 1823 half scudo.
- From 1939, a 5 lira and a 10 lira piece.
- A 1632 testone in silver, of Pope Urban VIII who was pope from 1623 to 1644.
- An 1866 bronze papal medal of Pope Pius IX; the reverse features a hospital.

9. **Lyle Daly** showed the large sized US 1, 2, and 5 dollar silver certificates known as the Educational Series because of their allegorical designs. They were authorized on April 28, 1896.

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Editor's Notes

With this issue, we start with paid advertising. These advertisers have committed to this one-year experiment.

Paul Hybert, editor

Minutes of the 1049th Meeting

The 1049th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7 PM by President Robert Feiler with 16 members and 1 guest, Dennis Gorman, present. Following the second reading of Jason Freeman's application for junior membership, a motion passed to accept him into the Club. The minutes as printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. A motion was passed to accept the treasurer's report by Steve Zitowsky showing April revenue of \$632.00, expenses of \$307.95 and total assets of \$10,347.81. Correspondence from member Clifford Mishler, Chairman of the 2007 Milwaukee ANA Convention, was read asking for volunteers and ideas.

First V.P. Jeffrey Rosinia introduced the evening's speaker Gene Freeman who spoke on the subject *Money for Texas*. Following a question and answer session, Jeff presented Gene with an American Numismatic Association Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the evening exhibitors: ROBERT FEILER – two ancient Greek drachms of Alexander the Great, 326-323 B.C., an 1876 U.S. trade dollar, two centennial medals from Ontario, Canada, a wooden nickel and a set of Berghoff Restaurant tokens; MARK WIECLAW – an undated lead seal from a U.S. Government box of silver eagles, five Byzantine gold solidi from Justinian II (first and second reigns), Leontius, Tiberius III, Philippicus and a hollowed and hinged 1921 Mexican 50 peso gold coin; ROBERT LEONARD – May 1953 issue of *Cornet* magazine with Grant Wood's *Arbor Day* painting on the cover, a 2004-D Iowa quarter showing the same portrait, a 1690 gun-money crown in brass overstruck on a half crown, 3 modern Irish coins privately

counterstruck "1690" in Belfast c. 1931-74, follis of Syria under Persian occupation, a drachma of Persian (Sassanian) Emperor Khusrau II and a book describing the series; WINSTON ZACK – a U.S. \$2.00 bill with a fold-over error and a group of over-mint-marked wheat cents; DONALD DOOL – a 1718 Swedish daller Flink Och Fardig, a 1720 1-ore overstruck on a Fardig, photographs showing San Martin monuments and medals where the monuments appear; STEVE ZITOWSKY – a 1783 Lima 2-reale counter-stamped "Wagner," and five 1-cent coins from Sarawak including the rare 1941H variety; LYLE DALY – display frame holding three currency pieces, an 1862 State of Texas treasury warrant, photograph from the National Numismatic Society of a 1922 U.S. cent, a series of international coins that were possible precursors of Adolph Weinman's Mercury dime and Walking Liberty half dollar designs.

Under old business, Jeff Rosinia reported the possible recruitment of someone to help on the video project. During a discussion on the possible deterioration of the video tapes, Jeff was asked to look into the cost of converting the videos on to DVD discs. Jeff Rosinia, the author of the recent CPMX souvenir sheet, was presented with serial no. 2 of the issue. President Feiler reported he is investigating the reopened Berghoff Restaurant for the Club's December banquet. It was announced that Mark Wieclaw will soon be scheduled as a speaker on how to distinguish the difference in precious metals. Winston Zack received a warm round of applause as a scholarship recipient to ANA's Summer Seminar. Winston also agreed to be a featured speaker on his educational experience.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Birthday and Year Joined

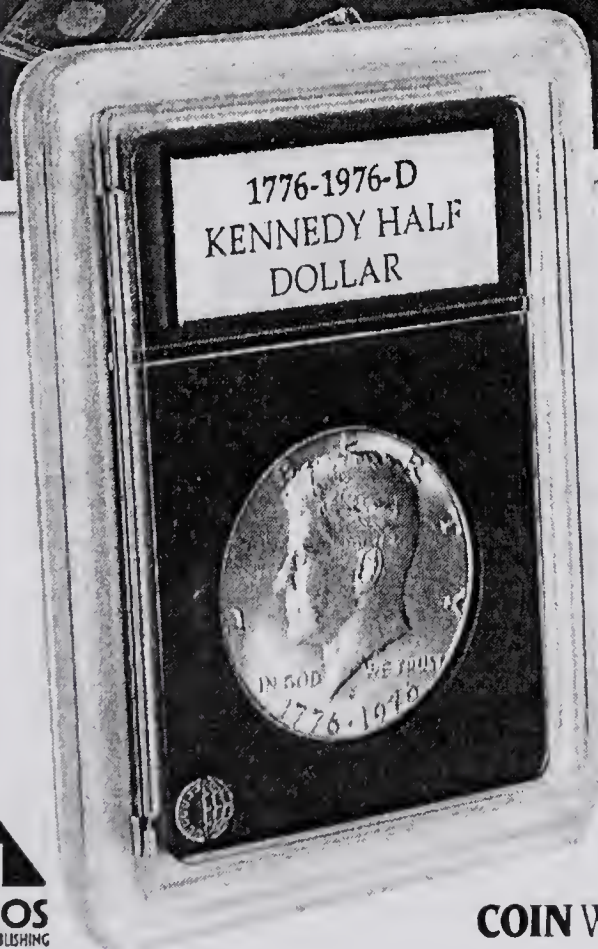
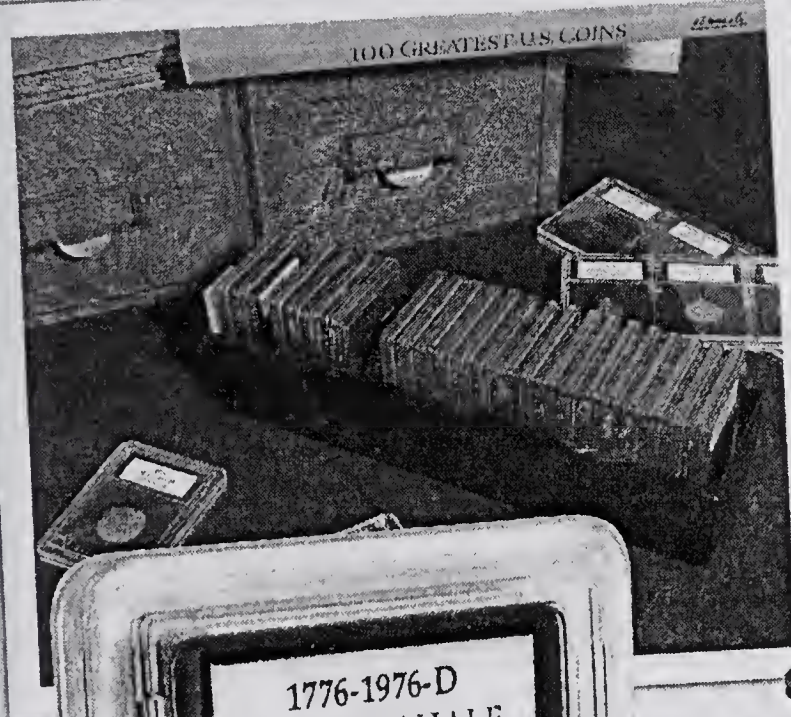
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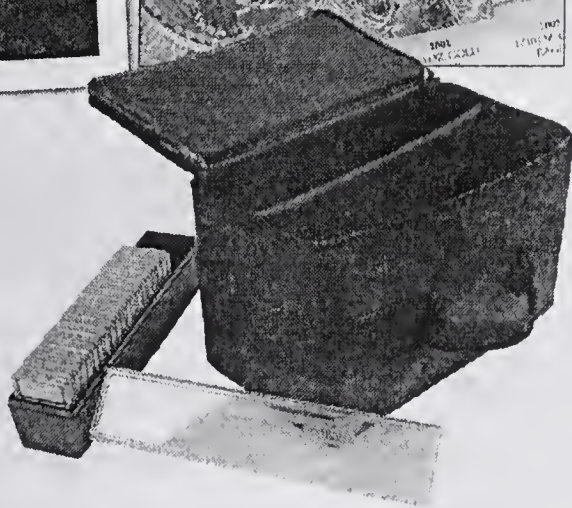
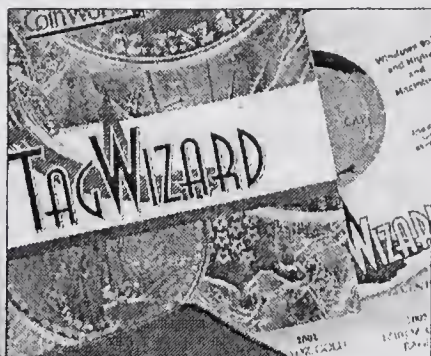
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Speaker's Wor[l]d

Money for Texas

A presentation by Eugene Freeman to our May 10, 2006 meeting.

In the last few centuries, the area known as Texas has been ruled by six nations: Spain, France, Mexico, Republic of Texas, United States of America, and Confederate States of America. The Spanish colonial 8 reales coin was the primary coin in the Province of Texas in New Spain. That coin, also known as the peso, was never minted in Texas; as an indication of its buying power, 18 pesos per month was combat pay for a soldier.

Small coinage was a local responsibility. Cut parts of a peso commonly were used, and Eugene showed how not all “quarters” were equal. In 1817, the provincial governor granted a jeweler in San Antonio the right to produce 500 pesos worth of half real pieces in copper. None are known today, but contemporary descriptions indicate that they bore the jeweler’s initials **MAB**. Berrera defaulted before completing production.

In 1818, de la Garza made the next attempt at half real production. Known as *jolas*, one side has the simple three-line design consisting of the initials **JAG**, the denomination $\frac{1}{2}$, and the date **1818**. The other side has only an incuse star with a raised dot in the center of the star. Approximately 100 now are known, more of the large planchet than the small. Most were found in the San Antonio River, and show pitted surfaces. Eugene touched on the economics of issuing and having to redeem these pieces, and that led to a guess as to why they would end up in the local river.

Some things remained unchanged through first Mexican Independence and then Texan Independence: Texas had much land but no money, no mines. As a Republic, Texas issued three forms of paper: paper money, bonds, and Treasury Warrants. Eugene showed an early example with the identification “The Government of Texas, Houston Texas” and followed with pieces showing “The Republic of Texas” from after the capital was moved to Austin. Warrants passed at a discount; 50 cents on the dollar could be typical.

Texas joined the Union in 1845, and it received money by transferring some land to the US; parts of the present states of Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Kansas, and Wyoming were included.

When a note was turned in (redeemed), the practice was to write *cancel* on it. After pieces had the word removed and were resubmitted, they started cancelling notes with razor cuts. In the current market, the uncanceled notes sell for a

premium.

As part of the Confederacy, Texas issued two major types of Treasury Warrants: for Military Services and for Civic Services. Some were issued in fixed denominations, while others could have any value filled in.

Although no money was issued especially for Texas while part of the US, paper money collectors are very interested in the National Charter notes from Texas banks. The sales tax tokens have a smaller collector following.

Our 1050th Meeting

Date: June 14, 2006 **First session**

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Philip J. Carrigan - *Charles Barber and His Coins*

Son of and successor to William Barber, Charles became the sixth chief engraver of the US Mint in 1880. He is well known for producing Barber dimes, quarter dollars and half dollars and less so for designing the Barber five cents.

Born in London and trained there under British engravers, he continued in the style of his father perpetuating the British flavour of mid nineteenth century US coins. Charles Barber is also responsible for making manufacturing corrections to the Saint Gaudens \$10 and \$20 gold coins. Additionally, he designed the Hawaiian 1883 coinage, several commemorative silver and gold coins and over fifty medals.

This presentation will emphasize the Barber circulating coins and current numismatic interest.

Date: June 24, 2006 **Second session**

Time: **11:00 AM** (NOTE: This is not our usual show meeting time.)

Location: In the Mr. Lincoln Room of the DoubleTree Hotel which is across the street from the MidAmerica Coin Expo, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting.

Featured speaker: Jeff Garrett - *The Smithsonian's U.S. Gold Coins*

Jeff Garrett is the co-author of the recently published book *Encyclopedia of U.S. Gold Coins - 1795-1933: Circulating, Proof, Commemorative and Pattern Issues*. Published by Whitman Publishing (<http://www.whitmanbooks.com>), the book is receiving rave reviews from the collecting community. Every photograph is expertly photographed and some coins haven't been publicly seen in more than two decades. Be sure to mark your calendar to attend this unique program. Jeff's talk will concentrate on the gold issues in the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC.

Jeff Garrett owns Mid-America Rare Coins in Lexington, KY and is president of the Professional Numismatics Guild, Inc.. He is considered the top coin grader in the country, based on his winning the Professional Coin Grading Service World Series of Coin Grading in July 2005 during the American Numismatic Association World's Fair of Money in San Francisco. Garrett used those skills to provide grades for the entire Smithsonian gold coin collection. Extra copies of the 650-page book that sells for \$69.95 will be made available.

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Important Dates

Our June meeting will consist of two sessions: we will end the first session with a recess (instead of an adjournment), and we will reconvene for the second session at the MidAmerica Coin Expo.

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| June | 14 | CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Philip J. Carrigan on <i>Charles Barber and His Coins</i> |
| June | 23-25 | MidAmerica Coin Expo at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. Admission is \$5. |
| June | 24 | CCC Meeting - 11am in the Mr. Lincoln Room of the DoubleTree Hotel which is across the street from the MidAmerica Coin Expo, which is held at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, IL. No admission charge for our meeting. Featured Speaker - Jeff Garrett on <i>The Smithsonian's U.S. Gold Coins</i> |
| July | 12 | CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Steve Feller on <i>Monetary Issues of WWII German-occupied Guernsey and Jersey</i> |
| August | 9 | CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Winston Zack on <i>2006 ANA Summer Seminar</i> |
| September | 13 | CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - <i>to be announced</i> |
| October | 11 | CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Andrew J. Donnelly on <i>Tetrarchic Mint Control, 284-324</i> |

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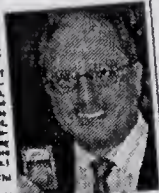
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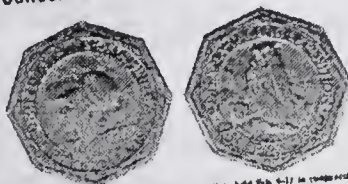
Turnout strong at Long Beach

By Robert E. Van Dyke

A strong public turnout of 6,370 and double sales characterized by one basic factor were reported for the day, when an historic "warrior" of the Long Beach Expo, the Long Beach Coin Show, was held. The show, which was the largest of its kind in the Long Beach area, was held at the Long Beach Convention Center. The show was held on the same day as the Long Beach Expo, which was held at the Long Beach Convention Center. The show was held on the same day as the Long Beach Expo, which was held at the Long Beach Convention Center.



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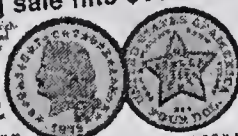
Heritage Collection's Long Beach Signature Auction, held Feb. 12-13 in conjunction with the Long Beach Expo, included this arrangement of Pan-Pac-Pacific 1909.

Pan-Pac tops Heritage sale

Auctioneer sold \$12,800 a 1911-S Pan-Pac-Pacific, original \$10 gold piece in the Pan-Pac-Pacific Collection. The sale was held at the Long Beach Convention Center. The sale was held on the same day as the Long Beach Expo, which was held at the Long Beach Convention Center.

Goldberg sale hits \$10.5 mil

Strong bidding on high-grade coins, including the 1909-S V nickel, was reported for the day, when the Goldberg sale was held. The sale was held at the Long Beach Convention Center. The sale was held on the same day as the Long Beach Expo, which was held at the Long Beach Convention Center.



Also bidding strong was an 1877 pattern \$10 gold. The sale was held at the Long Beach Convention Center. The sale was held on the same day as the Long Beach Expo, which was held at the Long Beach Convention Center.

This issue reached Feb. 17.

Clad proofs due March 22

A release date of March 22 has been set for the U.S. Mint's 1999 Clad Proofs. The release date is set for March 22, 1999. The release date is set for March 22, 1999.

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Chen Chen has been indicted on charges of fraud. The indictment was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

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Show and Tell

Items shown at our May 10, 2006 meeting.

1. **Bob Feiler** showed a range of items:

A counterfeit 1876-CC US Trade Dollar. Not that bad of a counterfeit, but Bob bought it as a counterfeit for \$15.

- A drachm with a bust of Alexander the Great wearing a lionskin.

- Another drachm showing Alexander the Great, but this well-worn specimen had been mounted in jewelry.

Two locally issued centennial medals from Canada.

A wooden nickel good for one stein of beer at the Berghoff.

A group of tokens from the Berghoff: three \$1, one \$5, and one \$10.

2. **Mark Wieclaw** started with one of his fun topics, the lead seal from a box of US Silver Eagles. The first example bore the date Nov 14, 2005 in the usual manner, but the second example did not have a date. As the box does not bear a date, the only to determine the content of a sealed box is by the seal's date. His real exhibits were mostly Byzantine gold coins:

A solidi from Justinian II's first reign.

A solidi of Leontius.

A solidi of Tiberius III, a son of Justinian.

- A solidi from Justinian II's second reign, with a picture of Christ on the reverse.

- A solidi of Philippicus.

- A box taler made from a 1921 50 peso piece of Mexico. Inside are the initials CS and the date Nov 29, 1928.

3. **Robert Leonard** showed a wide range of items:

- Acquired at an antique mall, the May 1953 issue of *Coronet* with Grant Wood's painting *Arbor Day* on the cover. Then Bob showed the Iowa state quarter which features a design based upon that painting.

- A 1690 Gun Money half crown with the undertype visible. (This complemented Steve Huber's exhibit from April.)

1690 is the year of the Battle of the Boyne. Sometimes, Irish

Republic coins are defaced with 1690 when circulating in Northern Ireland. As examples, Bob showed a silver shilling, a cupro-nickel florin (2 shillings), and a 10 pence.

A catalog of coinage in Syria under Persian rule; it is a die study of about 200 pieces dating from 610-630. Bob had been looking for a coin matching any in the catalog, and he showed a recently acquired coin and its matching type in the catalog — a coin of Khuzros II, the Persian (Sassanian) emperor who had conquered

Syria from the Byzantine Empire.

4. **Winston Zack** showed some US items:

- A \$2 bill with a type of transfer error; in a corner, part of the obverse design appears on the reverse. This led to some comments on fold-over errors.
- Eight Wheat Cents with some oddities, found from searching a group of 250 cents. Most had mint marks either double- or triple-stuck.

5. **Don Dool** continued some previous themes:

- A 1720 Sweden one ore coin struck over an emergency one daler copper piece of 1718; Don had shown some of the varieties of the emergency money at a previous meeting.
- Don is making a list of San Martin monuments; he showed us how photos of monuments compare against medals picturing the monuments. The only differences between monuments might be localized, as in the treatment of the right hand: pointing high, pointing low, or holding a banner.

6. **Steve Zitowsky** has varied collecting interests. He showed us:

- A 1783 2 reales of Lima, counterstamped WAGNER. The counterstamp is listed in the Rulau book on counterstamped coins.
- From Sarawak, some 1 cent coins of the Brookes, the white rajahs of Sarawak, from the late 1800s until World War II. That led to a brief history of the Brookes.

7. **Lyle Daly** started by showing us an inexpensive display method good for temporary storage. From a local art supply house, two pieces of glass and a frame allow three notes to be viewed from both sides. The only drawback to this method is the tendency to capture moisture over the long term.

Then he showed us:

- An 1862 Texas military service warrant payable for state dues.
- Photographs removed from an old certificate issued by the Authentication Bureau of the International Numismatic Society. The coin is a 1922 plain Lincoln cent, but is it the good variety? Lyle submitted the coin to PCGS.
- A matrix showing connections between various coin designers from the early 20th century; showing where they studied, worked, and taught among other things. His motivation came from the similarity of certain coin designs. The *Sower* vignette on the 1916 French 1 franc, 2 franc, and 50 centime coins has similarities to the Walking Liberty half dollar of Adolph Weinman. The fasces on the 1904 25 centime coin was compared to the fasces used on Weinman's "Mercury Head" dime.

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Minutes of the 1050th Meeting

Session I of the 1050th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7 PM by First V.P. Jeffrey Rosinia. The meeting was held at Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th floor Conference Room with 16 members and 3 guests present. Guests were Paul Robertz, Robert Kulys, both from the Chicago area, and Norman Falcon of Boca Raton, FL. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the *Chatter*. A motion was passed to accept the treasurer's report by Steve Zitowsky showing May revenue of \$300.00, expenses of \$100.30 and total assets of \$10,547.51.

Member Phil Carrigan was the featured speaker on *Charles Barber and His Coins*. Following a question and answer period, he was presented with an educational certificate from the American Numismatic Association and an engraved Club medal.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly introduced the evening's exhibitors: ROBERT LEONARD – lead counterfeit 1909 Barber dime, Steve Zarlenga's recent book *The Lost Science of Money*, a book written by Jerome Smith *The Coming Currency Collapse* published by Zarlenga and some brief comments on how the books are at odds; MARK WIECLAW – five encapsulated coins brought into the coin shop that probably weren't worth the time or expense: 20-Swiss franc, 1971 \$10 Bahamas, 1999 half-oz American Eagle, a 2001 1-oz. gold 5000 lira from Malta, and a 1922 Peace dollar; DON DOOL – charity token 1700 from Parish of St. Dionys, Liege, Belgium, a bronze San Martin medal issued 1896 by a group of Buenos Aires newspapers, a stock certificate of Banco Mercantile Bahia issued 30 July, 1872, and napkins from Buenos Aires coffee shops, the beginnings of a new collection; DREW MICHYETA - 1996 \$10.00 1-oz. rectangle fine silver bar issued as a coin by Liberia; PHIL CARRIGAN: a photo of a 1914-O Barber dime with the mint mark appearing at the top and speculation on how this possibly was achieved; WINSTON ZACK – coins found in rolls over the past month: 2004 proof nickel, 1915 Buffalo nickel, 1939 EF/AU Jefferson nickel, and a Lincoln cent in terrible condition but found in a nickel roll, plus a 1920 nickel found in a hardware store when he was five years old; JASON FREEMAN – 2004-D cent and a blank planchet, 2005 Boy Scout Jamboree medal, 1993 Afghanistan 50 Afghanis with a Deinotherium Elephant, and a State of Texas 2-troy oz. silver medal; EUGENE FREEMAN – 1936 doubled die obverse Buffalo Nickel, 1936

S/S Buffalo Nickel, doubled die reverse 1 centimo from Paraguay, a 1795 Irish half-penny, and 1900 Liberty Nickel struck on nickel-brass alloy planchet; LYLE DALY – encapsulated proof Barber dime and quarter from 1893 and half dollar from 1894, Monroe Doctrine commemorative half-dollar, the 1901 Pan American Exposition logo and their similarity where North and South America are represented by images of women, convergent designs between 25-cent gasoline tokens issued by Shell Oil and state quarter designs of Massachusetts and Illinois, and clasped hands designs on 3 medals and the 2004 nickel.

The applications for membership of Paul Robertz and Robert Kulys received first reading. Under old business Elliot Krieter reported an estimated cost of \$600 to convert Beta Cam film to DVD format. The film was shot in 1984 of senior club members relating their early collecting experience. Paul Robertz volunteered to check with an associate who has used film recording equipment. Lyle Daly gave a report prepared by Robert Feiler on the cost of holding the annual banquet at the reopened Berghoff Restaurant at 17 W. Adams, downtown Chicago. The cost would be a minimum of \$36.89 per person, plus \$250.00 room rental with a minimum of 40 attendees. Everyone admitted it was a good idea, but felt the expense was probably too steep. No decision was made. Serial no. 1 of the 2006 Club issued souvenir sheets for the Chicago Paper Money Expo and Chicago International Coin Fair were presented to the Club Archivist, William Burd. A short discussion was held concerning the ANA convention coming to Milwaukee in 2007.

The meeting was recessed at 9:09 PM to be re-adjourned at 11 AM Saturday, June 24th at the Mid-America Coin Show.

Session II of the 1050th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held in conjunction with the MidAmerica Coin Expo, Donald Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. The meeting was called order by President Robert Feiler at 11 AM with 15 members and 5 guests: Charles Wilkinson, Kevin Daley, Bruce Benoit, Jeff Garrett and Robert R. Van Ryzin, Editor *Coins* magazine.

The featured speaker was Jeff Garrett from Lexington, KY, who spoke on his recently published book *Encyclopedia of U.S. Gold Coins – 1795-1933: Circulating, Proof, Commemorative and Pattern Issues*. Garrett told how he started dealing coins, his attraction to dealing gold coinage and how he quickly learnt how to spot counterfeits. He spoke of the importance of learning through books and the Web. The last half of Garrett's talk was on the collection at the Smithsonian Institution which made up a large portion of the coins in his book.

After a question and answer period, President Robert Feiler presented Garrett with an ANA educational certificate and an engraved club medal.

Member Bill Bierly was introduced and spoke briefly on a certified 1865 pattern U.S. quarter he recently purchased at auction. Upon inspection he discovered the

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certification service and auction house overlooked that it was over-struck on an 1840s New Orleans quarter. Bierly spoke briefly on what was written about this pattern series and offered possible explanations on how this probably happened. The coin was in possession of another coin certification service on the bourse floor and Bill told members where they could go to see it.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Speaker's Wor[l]d **Charles Barber and His Coins**

Presented to our June 14, 2006 meeting.

Charles Barber succeeded his father William as mint Chief Engraver in 1879. He served in this capacity until 1917. Charles was responsible for engraving dies for many mint products including the Assay Commission medals from 1880 to 1897 and numerous mint medals. He designed several coins including the 1883 Hawaiian silver coins, commemoratives in silver (e.g., Isabella & Lafayette) and gold (e.g., Lewis & Clark and McKinley). Most collectors know Charles Barber for his silver dimes, quarters and half dollars initially minted in 1892 and continuing until 1915-1916. Of lesser renown, is the Barber five cents, first released in 1883. All four of these types have been known as Liberty Head coins though the five cents retains this designation while the silver types are usually called Barber dimes, etc.

The presentation then focused on the Barber silver series. David Lawrence (Feigenbaum) was acknowledged as the contemporary researcher and promoter of Barber coins. This was the result of his research and books dedicated to each series and to his extensive inventory of these coins during the 1980s. Barber varieties were discussed and examples of the 1892 New Orleans micro 'O' mint mark and the 1897-S quarter with center position of the 'S' were shown.

In the past twenty years, collecting emphasis on these Barber series has been aided by Lawrence's pioneer efforts including the establishment of the Barber Coin Collectors' Society in 1989.

Philip J. Carrigan

Speaker's Wor[l]d

Encyclopedia of U.S. Gold Coins - 1795-1933

A presentation by Jeff Garrett to our June 24, 2006 meeting.

In this presentation inspired by his recent book, Jeff wove together three stories: his interest in U.S. gold, how the book came about, and the Smithsonian.

Jeff initially had many collecting interests, among them medals and tokens which were inexpensive and easy. His interest in gold coins started in the late 1970s, while working at Florida Coin Exchange. He considers himself lucky to have entered the coin market during the boom in gold prices. Many things came out of the woodwork during that exciting time. But not every experience was a happy one; after returning from one road trip buying gold coins, he was told that many of them were counterfeit.

The High Relief Saint-Gaudens gold is a great coin because it is beautiful and has a great story, not because it is rare. Jeff buys and sells a number of them each year. But Jeff wanted us to remember that what makes a coin great are the stories that pull it all together.

There are many ways to collect gold coins, by type and by mint being just a few. Among the highlights was a Dahlonega uncirculated gold collection which he helped a collector to slowly form as nice coins became available. An interesting accumulation consisted of 15 1929 double eagles, put away just before Roosevelt's order to turn in gold coins.

Next, Jeff told the story behind his gold coin encyclopedia; kind of a long story, where things finally came together. David Akers' books on gold coins came out when Jeff started in coins; they contained ground breaking information, some of which holds even after 30 years. The books gave Jeff an edge — information was not as wide spread as now. But many things have happened since the books came out: grading services, the discovery of shipwrecks, and more.

Jeff enjoys research; information helps expand the collector's interest. Jeff started the Auction Records of U.S. Coins to collect the information — those books now are published by Whitman. Taking into account years, denominations, and mints, there are 1500 different U.S. gold coins. It took 4 to 5 years to get those books started, then he started his recent books. During the six months preparing *100 Greatest U.S. Coins*, Jeff talked about writing a gold book; he finally convinced himself by reasoning that since he could put together a thousand-lot auction catalog in a reasonable time, a 1500-item book should not be too bad.

First he had to get photos of 1500 coins. The Smithsonian had extensive gold coin holdings, so the idea of photographing the Smithsonian coins was proposed as a way for the Smithsonian to get exposure. Gaps had to be filled from other sources,

but the encyclopedia is missing photos of only two coins: 1839 \$5 and 1844-O \$5; aside from those, every U.S. gold coin, including proofs, is shown.

Tom Mulvaney was used to photograph the Smithsonian gold coins, a task estimated to take one week. But the wall mounted glass cases hoding the coins held a surprise — wax was used to mount the coins! Wax fragments stuck to the coins, and the coins had to be remounted; stretching the scheduled week by quite a bit.

The two major sources of the Smithsonian's U.S. gold collection were the U.S. Mint's collection in the 1920s and the the Lilly collection in 1968. The mint collection had been started in the 1820s, and what strikes Jeff about the collection is the great condition of the early gold coins. (The early silver proof coins have not fared as well; their tarnish was removed in the 1800s by polishing, an accepted practice at the time.) The mint collection received then-current coins as well as interesting material pulled from coins turned into the mint. The Lilly collection added business strikes from the Philadelphia mint and the branch mints.

Jeff talked about the smaller coin exhibits now at the Smithsonian, and mentioned that the gold coins are stored in little boxes kept on trays; so concerns about cabinet friction were made. The presentation ended with audience questions about grading standards for gold coins and how hard it is to describe what exactly gives away a doctored coin.

Our 1051st Meeting

Date: July 12, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and **everyone** must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Steve Feller - *A Numismatic Look at German Occupied Guernsey and Jersey*

The British Channel Islands of Guernsey and Jersey were the only bits of the British Isles to be occupied by Germany during WWII. The islands were occupied from 30 June 1940 until the day after VE day, May 8, 1945. This talk will focus on the various German and British currency issues in circulation during the occupation. Four distinct issues of money will be discussed. Original data from contemporary sources will be used. The presentation will be based, in part, on a research visit to the islands during February 2006.

Don Urchel

Don Urchel, a Chicago coin dealer for over 40 years, died on May 26, 2006 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Don, 83, co-owned DARU Coins on the Southwest Side of the city from 1964 to 1995. He joined the Chicago Coin Club in 1963 and remained a member until his health began to fail. He was also an ANA Life Member, number 461.

A veteran, Don served in the Army Air Cadets from 1943 to 1946. He then returned to Chicago and resumed his job as a riveter for the Link Belt Company, later FMC Corporation. He worked there for 28 years. He retired from the factory job in 1968 so he could manage the coin store full time.

Besides his wife, other survivors include two sons, Ray Urchel and Richard Wittig, daughters-in-law, Maureen Urchel and Judith Wittig, and three grand children.

William Burd

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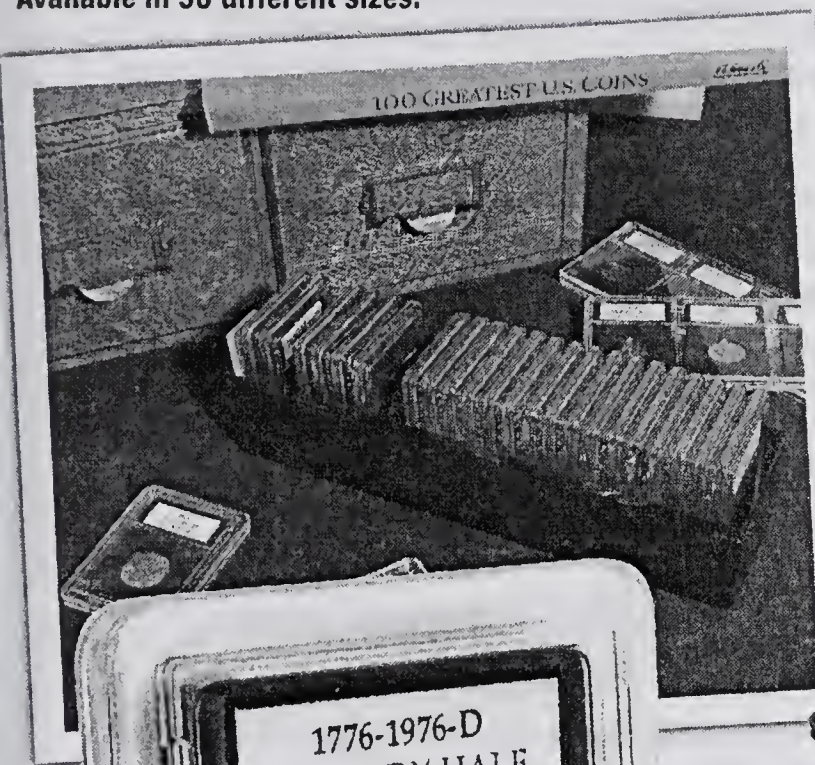
Condolences goes out to several long-time members. Joel Reznick, who joined the CCC in the early '80s, lost his wife Renee (Ricki) this past May. Then, just last week, more sad news arrived that Irene Vink, wife of 50+ year member Martin Vink, passed away in September, 2004. The next time you see Joel or Marty, take a minute and express some words of comfort and support for this most difficult time in their lives.

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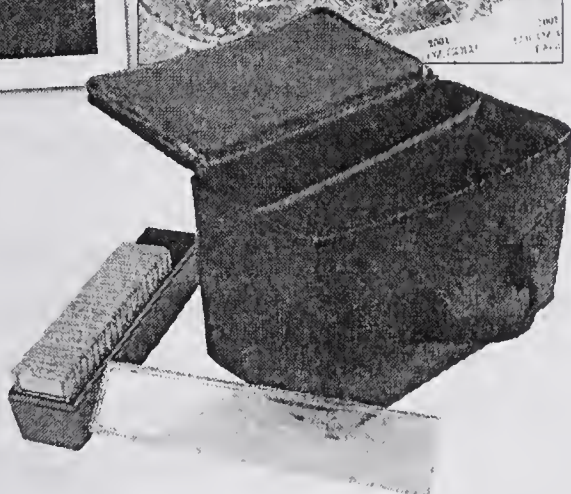
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Show and Tell

Items shown at our June 14, 2006 meeting.

1. **Robert Leonard** brought more books than coins:

- To complement the featured speaker, a 1909 dime in lead — a coin dealer would spot it as a counterfeit, but it would probably have passed in a bar with no problem.

- *The Lost Science of Noney* by the speaker at our April meeting, Steve Zarlenga. As Bob reads it, the recommendation at the end is for a non-redeemable gold-backed currency.

- Also in Bob's library is *The Coming Currency Collapse*, 1980 (fifth printing 1981) by Jerome F. Smith; his idea of a capital survival strategy is precious metals. An ounce of silver was \$28, gold \$600, and platinum \$750. The publisher was Stephen Zarlenga.

2. **Mark Wieclaw** showed some slabbed pieces that have arrived at the shop. With the better slabbing companies charging \$8 or \$15 per slab, the current market price for some of these is less than the slabbing fee.

- A 1949 Swiss 20 franc in a Blanchard slab, Choice and Uncirculated.

- A 1971 Bahamas \$10 coin graded proof 66 by NGC.

- A 1999 US half ounce American eagle gold piece in a *Coin World* holder.

- A 2001 Malta 5000 lira one ounce pure gold piece picturing John F. Kennedy, in an R.H.Meyers holder.

- A 1922 US Peace dollar in a PCGS AU-50 slab.

3. **Don Dool** continued some past themes and started a new fun topic:

- The book *Charity Tokens of the Netherlands* by O.P. Eklund lists 136 pieces, and Don has a few of them.

- A 1700 charity token bearing the letters PSD, for the parish of Saint Dennis in Liege, Belgium. This one is hard to find. That led to a brief discussion on the typical way the tokens were used.

- An 1896 San Martin medal commemorating the heroes of the revolution; issued ahead of the centennial. The obverse bears the bust of San Martin late in life, while the reverse lists local newspapers; one is still in existence.

- For his scripophily collection, a 30 July 1872 stock certificate of *Banco Mercantile Bahia*.

- On his last day in Buenos Aires, Don noted that each coffee shop has its own napkins. So his new collection has only a few pieces, for now!

4. **Drew Michyeta** likes the silver pieces. He showed a 1996 Republic of Liberia \$10 one ounce rectangular silver bar. It looks like an art bar; Drew

cannot think of any other issuer of denominated ounce bars. Issued to honor the unification of Hong Kong with China, the reverse shows the Great Hall in Beijing and a Hong Kong city scene.

5. **Phil Carrigan** brought a Barber-related item. Phil received a letter from a woman whose mother has a Barber coin; he has not seen the coin yet, but he showed us a photo. It looks like a worn 1914 dime, except for the O mint mark above the right stand of the N in ONE. The New Orleans mint issued no coins after 1909. Phil thinks someone added the mintmark as practice for adding a mintmark to an 1895 dime, but cannot see how they did it from the photo. The mintmark is too far from the rim to have been produced by drilling in from the rim, but Phil has not seen the rim.
6. **Winston Zack** recently bought \$70 of nickel rolls for searching. He found:
 - A 1915 Buffalo nickel with a VERY faint date.
 - A proof 2004 nickel.
 - A 1939 nickel in XF-AU condition.
 - A barely recognizable US cent.
 - Two 1998 Canadian nickels.

Then he showed the Buffalo nickel that started him on collecting coins.

7. **Jason Freeman** showed a range of items:
 - A 2004-D Lincoln cent and a blank planchet in a give-away (for youth) from a recent coin show.
 - A medal acquired at the 2005 Scout jamboree.
 - A 1993 500 afghanis, part of a series picturing prehistoric animals. This piece shows a type of elephant.
 - A 2 ounce silver medal from Texas.
8. **Eugene Freeman** started with some coins and finished with a newspaper clipping:
 - A 1936 S over S Buffalo nickel acquired from the stock of a manufacturer of cut-outs.
 - A 1936 Buffalo nickel with a doubled die obverse.
 - A 1950 Paraguay one centimo with a doubled die.
 - It looks like a Liberty & Security half penny, but then the other side of this mule is a 1795 Irish half penny.
 - A 1900 Barber nickel, struck off-center and with a piece of metal rolled in. Eugene sent this to Alan Herbert some years ago, and showed its picture in the fifth edition of Herbert's *Minting Varieties and Errors*.

As a followup to a previous discussion of the source of the word Dixie to refer to the South, Eugene showed an 1893 article in the Richmond Dispatch. We know that some 10 dollar notes from New Orleans in the 1830s and 1840s have the word DIX (French for ten), and that the song *Dixie* was written in New York in 1859. The article mentioned that circus people of the North referred to the South as Dixie, especially when the weather in the north turned cold and they wished to be south.

9. **Lyle Daly** showed some coins and then continued tracing the reuse of

design themes.

- Three proof Barber coins: dime, quarter, and half.
- A 1923 Monroe Doctrine half dollar which shows North and South America as two female figures reaching towards each other. A medal for the 1901 Pan American Exposition used the same motif, and Lyle showed a printout of a web page which has a poster from that expo showing the motif large and in color.
- In the early 1960s, the Shell oil company issued tokens for the US states. Lyle showed the examples for Illinois and Massachusetts next to the recent State Quarters: a standing Lincoln within the outline of Illinois, and a standing Minuteman with rifle in profile in front of the outline of Massachusetts. (Lyle found the tokens in the backyard of his current home.)
- The clasped-hands motif has been used many times. Lyle showed four examples: an ancient Roman coin, an 1812 tradesman token, a US Civil War era token, and a recent US nickel.

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August 11	Clifford Mishler	1995
August 19	Carl F. Wolf	1979
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August 26	Tom DeLorey	1984
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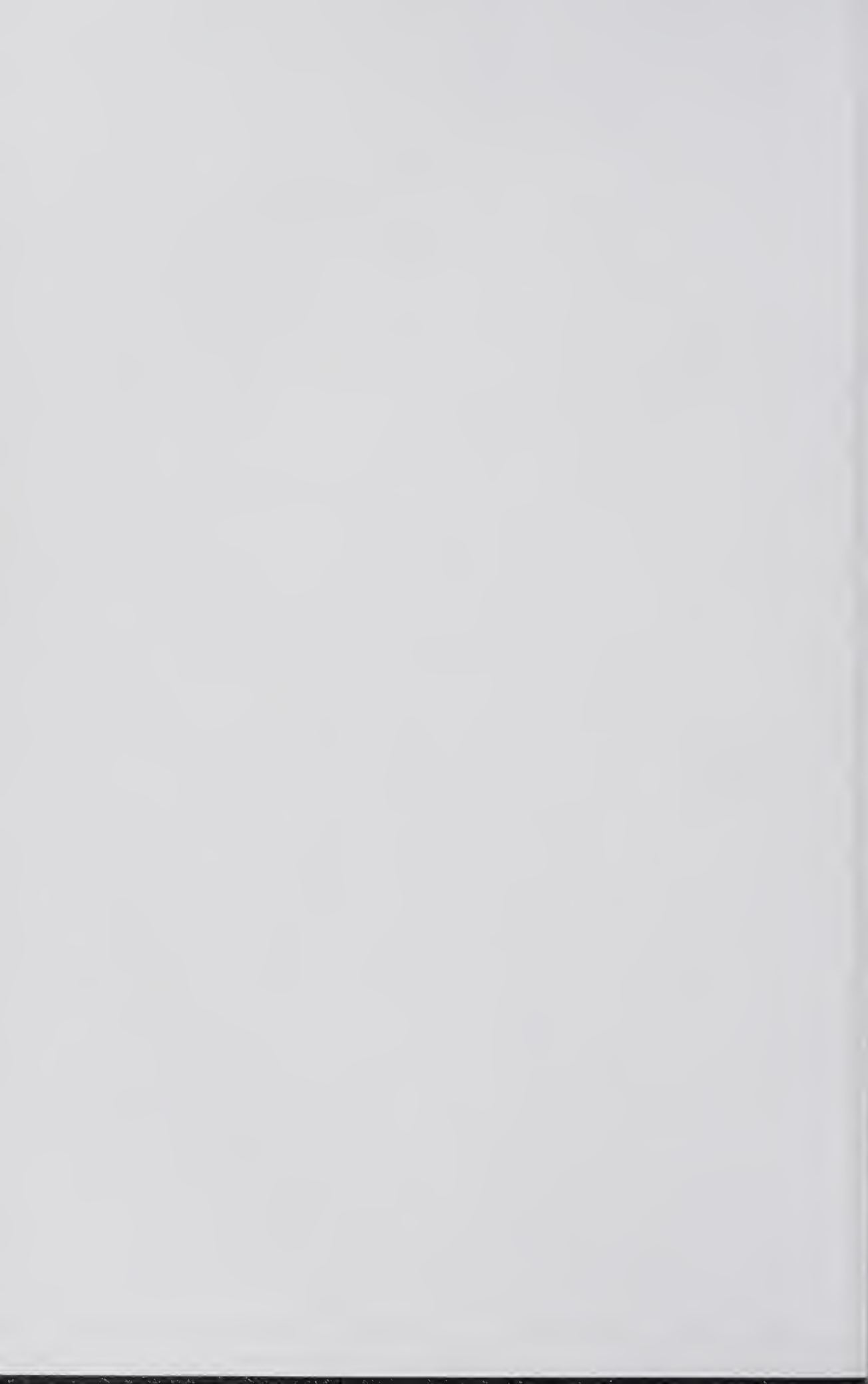
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Minutes of the 1051st Meeting

The 1051st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7 PM by President Robert Feiler with 16 members and 2 guests present. Guests were David G. Gumm and Richard Hall. The applications for membership of Paul Robertz and Robert Kulys received second reading and a motion was made and passed to accept them into membership. The application of Richard Hall received first reading.

Treasurer Steve Zitowsky reported June revenue of \$145.00, expenses \$229.26, leaving \$10,463.25 in the treasury. A motion was made and passed to accept the report.

First V.P. Jeff Rosinia introduced the featured speaker Steve Feller from Cedar Rapids, Iowa who spoke on *Money from Occupied Guernsey and Jersey 1940-1945*. Following the program, Jeff presented Steve with an ANA Educational Certificate and a Club engraved medal.

The nine exhibitors for the evening were ROBERT LEONARD: a gold dinar of Ayyubid Sultan Al-Salih Najm Al-Din Ayyub from 1243-44 and a silver denier Tournois of Louis IX of France 1266-70; STEVE FELLER: WWII German Reichsmark occupation notes, military notes and a *Handy Pocket Guide of German Exchange Card*; DONALD DOOL: an unidentified coin from the 16th century Ottoman Empire, three coins struck at the Messina Mint in Sicily – John II, 1458-79, William I, 1149-66, William II, 1166-89, a Venetian coin issued under Marino Grimani, 1595-1605 and a 1978 medal showing San Martin and Moreno; ROBERT WEINSTEIN: Columbian Exposition medal of the Ferris wheel, 1893, Elongated cent America's Expo held in San Diego, 1935, Chicago merchant token issued in the late 1880s for B.F. Norris that included a perpetual calendar, an Indo-Scythian silver drachm of Spalyris as heir apparent, 70 B.C., four Indo-Scythian bronze coins in three denominations, about 60-20 B.C., an Indo-Scythian silver drachm of King Lysias, 160-150 B.C. showing a spectacular image of Heracles on the reverse; ROBERT FEILER: silver denearo struck in Lucea, Italy, issued by Henry III, 1039-1125, used by crusaders to the Holy Land and a 1975 silver round replica of 1693 Leopold the Hog Mouth; EUGENE FREEMAN: 1894-S Barber quarter, 1892 Barber quarter with

doubled-die reverse, 1892-S Barber quarter with tripled-die reverse, 1909-S Barber half dollar with an inverted S mintmark and an Argentinean 20 centavos with doubled-die obverse; MARK WIECLAW: Speedway dollar and a Jimmie buck from Chicagoland Speedway, 2006 American Buffalo 24-carat gold coin with shipping box clearly labeled as holding 500-ounces of gold, 1882 100-franc gold coin from Paris Mint, 3.5" one-ounce .999 silver 2001 Buffalo medallion from National Collectors Mint; STEVE ZITOWSKY: 1863 U.S. Civil War token (No. 414/209) "If anyone dares to tear it down, shoot him on the spoot" with misspelling of spot, an 1838 quarter eagle with attached loop for necklace, 1851 Papal States, 2-baiocchi with India ink notation indicating it was once held by a museum and an Army Temperance Medal India, 1897, "Watch and Be Sober" issued for the constabulary and made into a pin-back broach; LYLE DALY: 13-piece set of Canadian large cents, 1858-1920, with a challenge to find the 2 coins cleaned prior to purchase but he retoned, a naturally toned 1875 U.S. quarter in AU condition, 2 counterfeit 1879 U.S. trade dollars and a book by Don Taxay *Counterfeit, Mis-Struck and Unofficial U.S. Coins*.

Under old business Paul Robertz and Richard Hall spoke of possible contacts that might help convert the Club's 1994 beta cam recordings on to DVDs.

Under new business Carl Wolf and Steve Zitowsky volunteered to check out Marcello's Restaurant for the December 13th annual banquet. Robert Leonard led a discussion on a possible 2007 CICF souvenir card that included: fur, cigarette, silver granules and trade beads. Carl Wolf related a story of attending a meeting of the Old Timers Baseball Association of Chicago and how he met four coin collectors. Bill Burd spoke of the November auction and announced that a deceased member's collection of Club material would be featured. Carl Wolf announced his appointment to the steering committee of the Field Museum's Anthropology Alliance. Among the goals of the group is to bring evening educational programs with curators, collections staff and visiting scholars. Carl spoke on his belief that select numismatic talks could compliment some of the Museum's large exhibits. Members were encouraged to monitor the upcoming schedule and write him of possible numismatic programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

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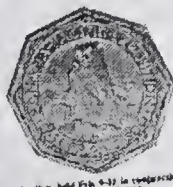
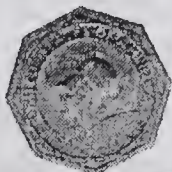
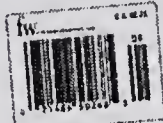
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Pan-Pac tops Heritage sale

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Speaker's Wor[l]d

Money from Occupied Guernsey and Jersey 1940-1945

A presentation by Steve Feller to our July 12, 2006 meeting.

While spending some months earlier this year in the U.K., Steve was able to take a brief trip to the Channel Islands. The souvenirs and information he collected formed the heart of his presentation to the club. He started with the boarding pass for his flight to Jersey from Coventry, then showed snapshots of the small airplanes from that flight and the flight on to Jersey. Many more photographs of island scenes followed during the program.

The Channel Islands are British; not English, not U.K., but British for the last 900 years, except for the five years of German occupation during WWII. You will be corrected during your stay on the islands if you call them anything other than British. (Officially, they are Crown Dependencies.) There are five private museums on the islands devoted to the occupation years. Steve showed photographs of some, along with admission receipts. Some museums sell duplicates of their materials, and Steve did acquire some numismatic and philatelic pieces from them and from other island sources. However, the locals know the value of the material and charge accordingly.

There were at least five issues of paper money for Guernsey: three by the Germans and two local. The two German coins (five and ten pfennig in zinc) were the general European coins, not special issues just for Guernsey and Jersey. The marks and pounds passed at the same time, with published conversion rates changing over time. The British redeemed marks at the end of the war — not too popular as it seemed to reward collaborators.

The German military marks (analogous to MPC, Military Payment Certificates) were used in local German canteens or sent back home. Other German issues were legal tender only outside of Germany. To obtain permission to issue local notes, the Guernsey Government had to turn over to the Germans all Bank of England notes. This was done, but only after stamping the notes with a “withdrawn from circulation” statement. They are known with different wordings. Steve showed some five pound local issue notes; the largest denomination printed, but never issued. Some notes showed island scenes, and Steve did his best to take matching photographs. Steve showed some German propaganda photographs of Germans around the island: one talking with a British policeman, three in front of a British pub, and a military band marching past Lloyds Bank. Then Steve showed some recent island photographs, including

the front of that same bank.

The Jersey notes are more evocative (and less expensive) than Guernsey's. A number were shown, starting discussions about the designs. The Guernsey and Jersey money circulate on the other island, and did so during the war, too.

Some newspaper clippings from the occupation were shown, some giving new money conversion rates and some showing the Commandant's new rules. Among them, road traffic was moved to the right side of the road, and local time was changed to German time. Some islanders were sent to Europe as laborers, and Steve showed a note used in one of those barracks.

Among Steve's philatelic items were a First Day Cover and a cover with six different Jersey stamps postmarked at 4:45PM on 8 May 1945, the day of Germany's surrender and the day *before* the islands were liberated.

Details of the German and local issues were given in this presentation, along with details of the withdrawn Guernsey and Bank of England notes. *World War Two Remembered* by Schwan and Boling needs some updating.

Our 1052nd Meeting

Date: August 9, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Winston Zack - 2006 ANA Summer Seminar

Club member Winston Zack was awarded a scholarship to attend one week of the ANA's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs in early July. It is not just five days on one topic; learn about the other special programs and educational opportunities available for two weeks in early July at ANA headquarters.

Show and Tell

Items shown at our July 12, 2006 meeting.

1. Some months ago, **Robert Leonard** showed a set of gold coins of the first six Ayubid sultans. He completed the series by showing a pure gold dinar of the seventh, and last, Ayubid sultan who died of tuberculosis six months after France's Louis IX invaded Egypt on a crusade. The sultan's death was not immediately announced, to give his son time to return from Syria. Upon his return, however, the son replaced his father's generals with his friends, so the generals killed the son, ending the dynasty. Then Bob showed a small base silver coin of the king of France.
2. **Steve Feller** showed some items related to his presentation:
 - A German five mark Reichkreditkassen note.
 - A German five mark "MPC" note; technically legal tender, but worth ten times face in a German canteen.
 - A photocopy of a *Handy Pocket German Exchange Card* showing 9.36 RM to the pound.
3. **Don Dool** mentioned that one of the benefits of writing a column is that people send him coins! For answering a question, he received an unidentified Ottoman Empire 16th century coin. Someone else sent him four copper pieces found some years ago along the Mdeiterranean:
 - A John II (1458-1479) coin of Messina, Sicily. It is listed in Newman.
 - A William I (1149-1166) cup shaped coin of Sicily. REX W appears on one side.
 - A William II (1166-1189) coin of Sicily.
 - A Venetian coin from 1595-1605.

Don concluded by showing a San Martin medal featuring busts of San Martin and Mariano Moreno. The dates 1778-1978 appear.

4. **Bob Weinstein** treated us to a wide range of pieces:
 - A Columbian Exposition bronze medal which has lost most of its original silvering. There is a Ferris Wheel on the reverse of this deeply struck piece. This is only the third one he has seen..
 - An elongated cent from America's Exposition, 1935 in San Diego. Bob likes it for the fine details and decorative scrollwork.
 - A token from Chicago merchant B.F. Norton from the late 1880s or the 1890s. The reverse has a perpetual calendar; judging by the gritty feel while turning it, Bob thinks it still has the original central rivet.

Bob concluded with a run of Indo-Scythian coins:

- A silver drachm from about 70 BC, with a complete legend.
- Three coins from King Azes from 60 BC to 20 BC: a full unit, a

half, and a quarter.

- A cut quarter of a full unit coin.

A quarter unit, not in good condition, but reverse legend is extremely rare as it uses a different dialect.

A coin of a Greek king in what is now northern India from 160 BC to 150 BC. In great condition, the small obverse die crack matches an ANS piece, but the ANS coin has a different reverse. The reverse of this coin has a beautiful figure of Hercules, showing great detail in the small figure; but there is a heavy die crack.

5. **Bob Feiler** showed some recent acquisitions:

- A silver denario of Luca, Italy. The thousands of these found in the holy land attest to their popularity with crusaders.

A 1975 reproduction in 0.93 ounce silver of a 1693 coin of Leopold the Hogmouth.

6. **Eugene Freeman** continued his string of Barber coin varieties from last month:

An 1894-S quarter with the mintmark placed close to the arrows.

An 1892 quarter with a doubled die reverse.

An 1892-S quarter with a tripled die reverse.

A 1909-S half grading only AG-3, but the mintmark is inverted.

Eugene concluded with a 1949 20 centavos of Argentina with the entire LIBERTAD appearing twice; the I is between the I and B.

7. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of items:

An elongated cent found on the ground earlier in the day; design features Buzz Lightyear.

During a recent Nascar race in Joliet, a uniface and very plain "Speedway Dollar" valid that day at Levy-operated food stands.

From the same event, a "Jimmie Buck" featuring Jimmie Johnson. This piece is beautifully executed.

A 24 carat \$50 gold coin using the Fraser design of the Buffalo nickel.

The shipping box for the gold bullion pieces received at the coin shop. Comments were made about the prominent printing, to the effect that, "This box contains 500 ounces of gold."

- An 1882 French 100 franc containing 0.935 ounces of gold.

A very large .999 fine silver round, sealed in a hard plastic case. The one ounce piece is very thin, with a hologram insert hiding its rim.

8. **Steve Zitowsky** also showed a range of items:

- An 1863 Civil War Token with the legend, "If anyone attempts to tear it down, shoot him on the spot." The Union flag is on the other side.

- An 1838 quarter eagle in a jewelry mount.

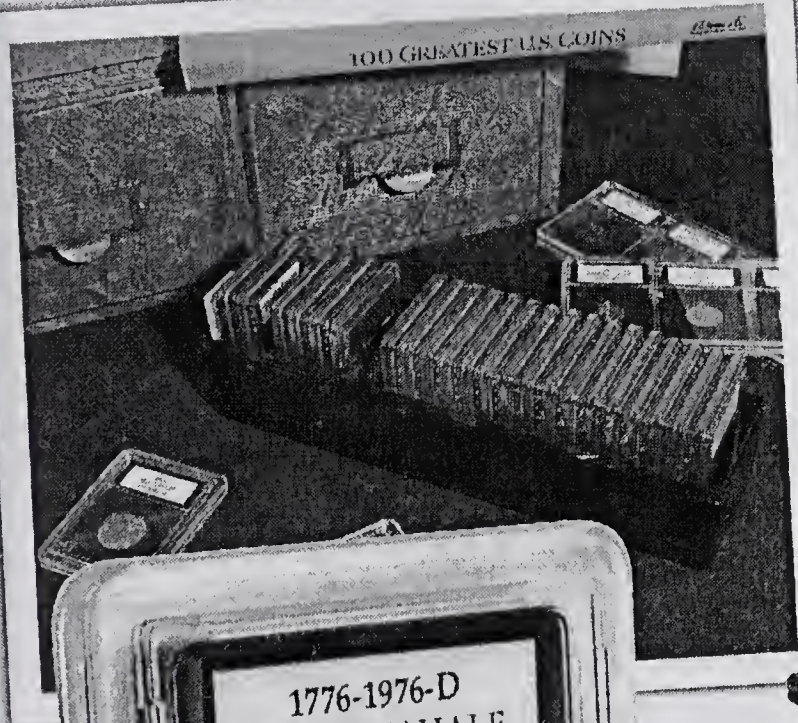
- An 1851 Papal States two baiocchi copper coin with red and

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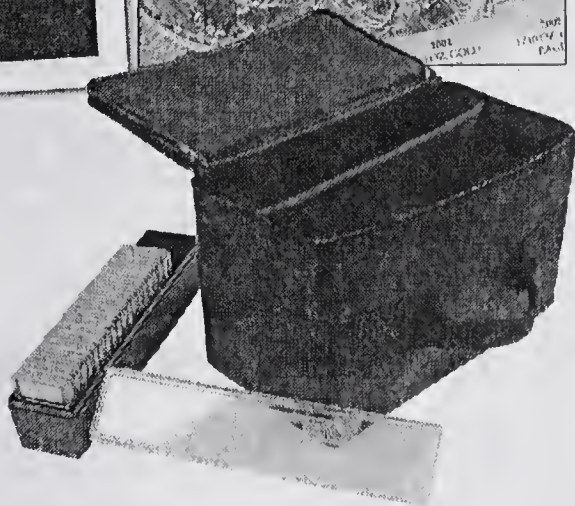
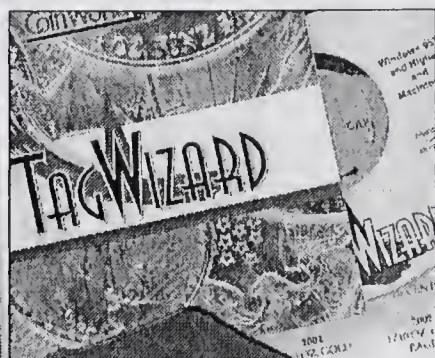
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brown surfaces in nice condition. Steve thinks the India ink tagging indicates that it had been deaquisitioned from a museum.

- An 1897 Army Temperance Association piece spinning as a globe within a circular frame. Formed in the late 1880s, the association was similar to the Salvation Army. The ribbon was removed from the India medal, and the metal piece was mounted within a frame.
9. Last year, **Lyle Daly** brought in a paper on doctoring coins, but he has been unable to achieve delicate silver toning. His exhibits started with some toned coins:
- A group of Canadian Large Cents removed from a Whitman folder. Two had been harshly cleaned, so Lyle used some Dellers Darkener (sulfur in petroleum jelly) on them. After everyone had a quick look and offered opinions, Lyle identified the two coins.
 - An 1875 Liberty Seated quarter with dark toning in the circular pattern typical of Wayne Raymond albums.
 - Counterfeit Trade Dollars recently acquired at the Kane County Fairgrounds. The 1876-CC and 1879-CC pieces weigh only 18 grams instead of the expected 27.4. And no Trade Dollars were minted in Carson City in 1879!
 - Don Taxay's *Counterfeit, Misstruck & Unofficial U.S. Coins*.

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September 7	James M. McMenemy	1975
September 18	Michael M. Dolnick	1952
September 18	Gregory Gajda	1999
September 19	Russell F. Wajda	2000
September 21	Kerry K. Wetterstrom	1999
September 24	Michael A. Pesha	1979
September 25	Saul Needleman	1992
September 26	Dennis P. Ciechna	1999
September 29	Gordon R. Donnell	1999

Call for Trip Reports

Every year, some club members submit trip reports about the ANA summer convention. Reports are accepted from all club members **on any numismatic event**, so do not be shy. Submit something while it is all fresh in your memory.

No need to list everything that happened there; a few paragraphs on your highlights of the convention is fine. Make us stay-at-homes wish we had attended the 2006 Denver convention!

Reports submitted by Wednesday, August 30, will appear in the September *Chatter*.

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Editor's Notes

Here is a reminder that the members' auction will be held during our November 8 meeting. We have a number of Chicago Coin Club items already consigned, one of which is unique.

I have received no trip reports for the ANA in Denver; maybe I will have some for the October issue.

Paul Hybert, editor

Minutes of the 1052nd Meeting

The 1052nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7 PM by President Robert Feiler. The meeting was held in the Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor Conference Room, Chicago with 17 members and 3 guests present. The guests were Sherri Zack, Tom Zack and Leroy Gayden.

The July Minutes as printed in the *Chatter* were approved as published. In the absence of the Treasurer, no report was given. Following the second reading of Richard Hall's application for membership, a motion was made and passed to accept him into membership.

President Feiler introduced the evening's speaker, Winston Zack. Winston was the recipient of a scholarship to the American Numismatic Association's Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO. His presentation focused on the class he attended "Detecting Counterfeit and Altered Coins." Following a question and answer period, First Vice President Jeff Rosinia presented Winston with an ANA educational certificate and an engraved Club medal.

Exhibitors for the evening were: JOHN RILEY – Wheaton College token for 1¢ in trade, a WWII Australian internment camp token for 1-penny, Jewish ghetto token from 1943, and a North Carolina prison token good for fifty cents; ROBERT KULYS – 1981 Lincoln commemorative half-dollar, 1936 Elgin commemorative half-dollar, and a 2003 silver proof quarter set;

ROBERT FEILER – a Belgium 20-franc gold love token, mounted on a pin with an “LS” monogram; PAUL ROBERTZ – an 1860 seated liberty dime in proof without any hairlines; ROBERT LEONARD – 6 coins and tokens from Beirut, Lebanon struck between 54 A.D. and 1879, and issued by the Romans, Christians and Ottomans; RICH HALL – matchbook from the 1930s with Ben’s Stamp and Coin Company imprint; MARK WIECLAW – plastic Lincoln cent received in change, 7 Playboy paper notes from 50 cents to \$50.00, 3 silver proof half dollars found in bag of scrap silver, and a 1964 half dollar altered into an image of Richard Nixon; DREW MICHYETA – a 1965 medal issued by the Philadelphia Mint to commemorate the American Museum of Immigration; DON DOOL – General Dix photo/autograph with discussion on the origin of the word “Dixie,” a write-up on his previous talk before the Club published in an Argentinean numismatic journal, a San Martin medal with errors, a San Martin medal believed to be a trial strike, coins from Spanish Pretender Carlos III issued in 1707 at the Zaragoza Mint and an unknown date from the 1700s at the Barcelona Mint; PHIL CARRIGAN – a bronze medal struck at the Heaton Mint commemorating Queen Victoria’s Jubilee Exhibition in 1887.

Under old business, Robert Leonard spoke of the Club’s souvenir education card for the 2007 Chicago International Coin Fair. Subjects under review include fur money, cigarette money and trade beads. Bob announced he was attending the upcoming ANA convention in Denver where he planned to attend the International Primitive Money Society meeting and offer for sale a supply of the Club’s past souvenir cards.

Jeff Rosinia reported that he and Lyle Daly believed the Club’s current meeting room was not in jeopardy. Should the need arise, Robert Kuly’s offered to look into meeting rooms at the University of Chicago in Hyde Park.

Paul Robertz reported a friend would probably convert most, if not all, of the Club’s 1994 video tapes at no cost. Rich Hall suggested the Club apply for a grant from the Bass Foundation to edit and publish the results.

It was announced that the November auction will include many Club medals and memorabilia from the collection of the late William Pettit, a Past-President of the Club. Bill Burd will begin to build up a list of the items for auction, and showed the metallic membership card from American Numismatic Association Branch No. 1. It was reported that the Board of Directors voted by e-mail to hold the December banquet at Marcello’s Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave., Chicago and authorized the Treasurer to place a deposit to secure the December 13th date.

Carl Wolf reported on the educational program for the Illinois Numismatic Association on September 9th: Jack Huggins “How to Build a Convention Exhibit,” Frank Zapushek “Multi-Struck Coins and Detecting Counterfeits,”

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William Brandimore “U.S. Colonial Currency,” Eugene Freeman “Standing Liberty Quarters,” Michael Doran “Bi-Metallic Coins,” and Jack Huggins “Illinois Numismatic Association Orientation.” Carl also reported in the past month three numismatic organizations made inquiries of him for custom printed table banners to use at coin shows. With the Chicago Coin Club manning an information table at least three times a year, it was suggested the Club consider buying a custom table throw. A brochure was passed around for members to see.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Our 1053rd Meeting

Date: September 13, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Featured speaker: Mark Wieclaw - *How to Distinguish Different Precious Metals*

The ability to identify precious metals has always been important, especially now with the increase in prices. Join us as Mark shows the commonly performed tests as well as what to look for.

Speaker's Worl[d

2006 ANA Summer Seminar

Winston Zack

Presented to our September 13, 2006 meeting.

Many months ago I was contacted by Bob Feiler who had been told by Carl Wolf about the ANA giving out YN (Young Numismatist) scholarships for the ANA's annual Summer Seminar. Bob contacted me immediately following the call from Carl and told me about what I needed to do to sign up for it, and, "YOU ONLY HAVE TWO DAYS TO COMPLETE IT." I had signed up for the scholarship the previous year in hopes of attending, but that didn't work out. After the call from Bob, I jumped onto the ANA's website and immediately began filling out the application (which expanded from last year's). Even during my crazy school and track schedule I managed to get all of the forms filled out right before the deadline was due. I finished the application and got it to the post office only minutes before it closed and I even ran to Bob's house to have him fax stuff over to the ANA. Those two days were crazy, but it was over and all that was left to do was WAIT.

I waited and waited and waited. Three months later I received a letter from the ANA. This time it was a large envelope and not the small letter that came in last year's mail. I WAS ACCEPTED. I was so excited and pumped. I wanted it to be the next day, but alas I had to wait some more; another two months. Those two months eventually came and before I knew it I was on a plane heading towards Colorado Springs. I was still in some form of shock and disbelief. When I got there I was met by some other YNs at the airport and we went to the campus. When I got to the campus, all I saw were bikers, hundreds upon hundreds of bikers all over the place. I signed in and was quickly given a tour of the campus by two other YNs. Everyone there was real friendly and wanted to know everything about you. Shortly after I arrived I went to the opening ceremonies which basically introduced your instructors and went over some basic rules for the students.

My Counterfeit Detection and Altered Coins class consisted of some 25-30 people and five were YNs. My instructors were J.P. Martin (Founder of ICG) and Bob Campbell (Past ANA President). These top notch instructors took us through seven- to eight-hour classes for five days. I learned about everything there was to talk about on this subject and how coins were minted. We thoroughly studied mintmarks and die flow, weight, and metal composition. We spent our last day looking at counterfeit coins and testing ourselves on what we knew. The class was nothing but spectacular and extremely informative.

The ANA Money Museum and Library were some of the most amazing sights my eyes have ever seen... as far as numismatics is concerned. The library had EVERY book you could imagine on numismatics and even an extensive collection of auction catalogues and magazines. The museum exhibited coins from around the world and represented coins from over 140 countries. Whereas the Harry Bass collection of early American gold coins was just fantastic. Every coin of every denomination in either Mint State or Proof condition. It even included some different varieties of the coins, and his collection was so massive that Bass had duplicates of some. Also included in the museum were about 30-40 pattern coins which had superb toning and color.

The Colorado Springs coin show was also quite a neat experience. I was able to converse with dealers from the area who don't travel to the MidAmerica Coin Expo. The coin show was always crowded even up through Sunday.

The ANA's annual book sale changed from the previous years as they either gave away tickets for students to wait in line; they even auctioned off tickets #1 (\$350) and #2 (\$300). When I was able to enter the book sale (the next day), most of the books were gone and all that was left was junk (to me).

Also, during my experience at Summer Seminar, there was the annual YN auction which realized over \$15,000. I think that everyone who attended the "show" had a good time and would recommend it to others.

Those were the main aspects of my trip to Summer Seminar. I strongly encourage everyone to attend one course there because you learn more than you could fathom and meet people who are so into numismatics. I had a super awesome time there and know that you will too.

Birthday and Year Joined

October 13 Bernard L. Schwartz 1986

October 14 Joel J. Reznick 1981

October 14 Warren G. Schultz

October 17 Margo Russell

Important Dates

September 7-10 Illinois Numismatic Association Convention at the Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL.

September 9 **Educational Program** at the Illinois Numismatic Association Convention at the Park Place Banquet Hall, 6200 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL. All programs will be held on the stage.

Noon	Jack Huggins	How to Build a Numismatic Exhibit
1 PM	Frank Zapushek	Multi-Struck Coins & Detecting Counterfeits
2 PM	William Brandimore	U.S. Colonial Currency
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4 PM	Michael Doran	Bi-Metallic Coins
5 PM	Past-President Jack Huggins	Illinois Numismatic Association Member Orientation

September 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Mark Wieclaw on *How to Distinguish Different Precious Metals*

October 11 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Andrew J. Donnelly on *Tetrarchic Mint Control, 284-324*

November 8 CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker

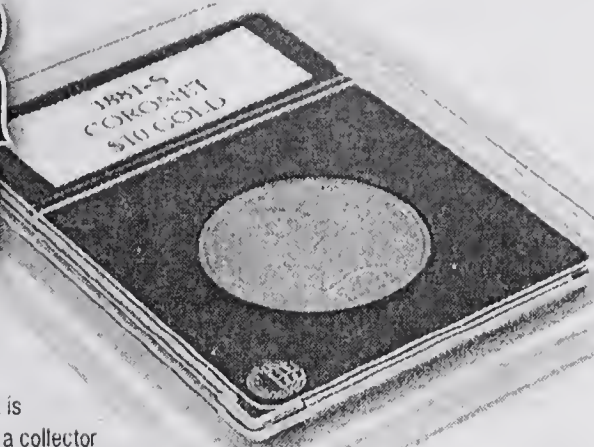
December 13 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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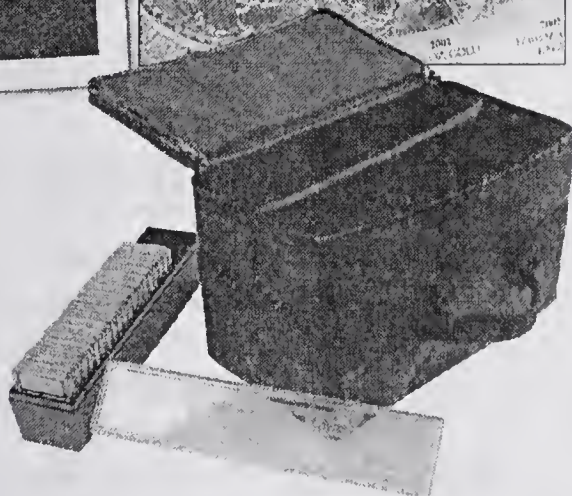
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Show and Tell

Items shown at our September 13, 2006 meeting.

1. **John Riley** showed mostly tokens:

A Wheaton College token, good for one cent in trade. John lives near the college, and would like to know more about the token.

It was purchased on eBay — you can find absolutely anything there. The token's reverse style dates it to the 1050s or 1960s.

A one penny piece from an Australian Internment Camp; the piece is listed in *World War Two Remembered*.

A 1943 10 mark coin in aluminum from the Lodz ghetto. The piece now is in a rough looking condition.

A 50 cent prison token from the North Carolina Department of Prisons.

2. **Robert Kulys** showed some pieces from his early commemorative coin collection:

A 1918 Lincoln half dollar.

The Elgin half dollar with four figures on the reverse. The obverse bust looks Greek or Roman to him, but it really is of the frontiersman from the reverse. This led to some member remembrances about the statue and sculptor.

3. **Bob Feiler** showed a Belgian 20 franc gold coin used as a love token. The initials LS appear on one side, with a pinback soldered onto the reverse.

4. **Paul Robertz** described his one and a half year fascination with a particular 1860 U.S. dime. He started with the eBay seller's picture, then showed some more recent pictures while telling us of its recent history. Paul did not think the coin to be at the dealer's Proof 66 grade, but maybe it could be Proof 65. But NGC sent it back in a body bag, declaring it polished. SEGS graded it MS-63, old cleaning, retoned, fully struck. At a coin show, someone ventured that the coin had been treated in Texas; a laser was used to smoothen the coin. Maybe that explains the reddish obverse and bluish reverse.

5. **Bob Leonard** showed pieces from a city in the news — Beirut.

An 1879 1 piaster from a spinning mill, with the city spelled Beyrouth; from the Ottoman era

From the Crusader era, a piece featuring the Tower of David in Jerusalem. The piece now is attributed to 1184-1186 Beirut which then was a part of the Kingdom of Jerusalem.

A billon denier of John I.

A thirteenth century copper coin showing a tower gate on one side and a geometric pattern on the other side.

- While a Roman colony, a coin of Claudius identifying the city as Berits.
 - Another coin from the Roman era; one of Hadrian showing two military standards.
- 6. **Rich Hall** is another member with an item from eBay. The cover from a match book from Ben's Stamp & Coin Co.; the inside has a mail-in form where a collector can enter his or her collecting interests.
- 7. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of odd items:
 - A plastic Lincon cent received in change.
 - Paper notes from Playboy clubs in half dollar, \$1, \$5, \$10, 20, and \$50 denominations. The copyright notice includes the years 1971-1981.

Pieces found while sorting about 10,000 half dollars: proof half dollars from 1996, 2000, and 2003, and then a 1964 half with the bust of Kennedy worked into a bust of Richard Nixon with a long nose.
- 8. **Drew Michyeta** showed a 1965 medal honoring the American Museum of Immigration. There are four designs in a complete set, struck on both silver half dollar planchets as well as 3-inch bronze. Drew has only three designs in each metal of this product of the Philadelphia mint.
- 9. **Don Dool** continued some previous themes:
 - An engraving and signature of Civil War General Dix, offered as a sidenote to an earlier discussion on the use of Dixie to refer to the soouthern US.
 - The writeup in an Argentine coin club bulletin on his Kipper and Wipper talk.
 - A San Martin medal with an error. A line of letters was too low, so the engraver partially ground them off before entering them correctly.
 - A possible trial strike of a 1978 San Martin medal, but the design does not exactly match the design of the known pieces.
 - Two coins acquired from Spanish dealers on eBay: A coin from Zaragosa of the pretender Carlos III who was never king; the War of Spanish Succession ended with Phillip IV on the throne.
 - A Barcelona coin produced with roller dies; one side shows parts of two coins, but the other side shows some markings from one coin along with markings not from a coin.
- 10. **Phil Carrigan** showed a beautiful, high-relief 1897 medal for the Royal Jubilee Exhibition. The 45 millimeter diameter medal was struck by the Heaton Mint.

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Minutes of the 1053rd Meeting

The 1053rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held September 13, 2006 at Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor Conference Room, Downtown Chicago. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Robert Feiler with 17 members and 3 guests present. Introduced guests were: Laura Wakeland, William Thoburn, and Samuel Dixon.

The August Minutes as published in the *Chatter* were approved as printed. Treasurer Steven Zitowsky's report of \$10,309.98 in the treasury was approved as read.

Second Vice President Lyle Daly introduced the evening's speaker Mark Wieclaw who delivered a program *How to Determine Different Precious Metals* that was followed by many questions. Following a warm round of applause, Mark was presented with an ANA Educational Certificate and an engraved Club medal.

Lyle Daly introduced the nine exhibitors for the evening: JASON FREEMAN – 100 patacas dragon coin from Maco, unidentified silver ingot with elephants, 2 oz. silver Australian lunar dragon, 1 oz silver Australian silver round; RICH HALL – image of a mislabeled NGC holder of an 1854 \$20 SS Republic small/double date with holder saying large/double date which doesn't exist; PAUL HYBERT – ANA Denver Convention material including 2¢ token from Donald Kagin, a medal issued by EAC member Doug Bird, 1807 Large Cent with dark patina, 1827 Bust Half Dollar, book *Official Census for US Large Cents, 1793-1839*, written by Noyes, Bland and Demeo, *US Large Cents, 1793-1794*, by Noyes, *Early US Gold Coin Varieties*, by Dannreuther and Bass, various pamphlets and sheets of stamps bought at the US Postal Service booth and used on the current issue of the *Chatter*; DREW MICHYETA - \$1 silver proof from Cook Islands commemorating the Mini South Pacific Games and showing the fertility god on the reverse; MARK WIECLAW – 2006 Denver ANA badge created by The Elongated Collectors, in regular issue and enameled, 1935 Walking Liberty Half Dollar with reverse side shaved and hand engraved in tribute to Col. Jim from the 20th Air Force, a 1940 doubled-die Mercury dime, a tetradrachm of Leontini with head of Apollo, 450 – 400 BC, a

dodecadrachm of Derronci weighing 35 grams, 475-450 BC; EUGENE FREEMAN – 1609 silver grochen from Hameln (city of Hamlin was the city of the Piped Piper), and a medal of British Admiral Vernon; ROBERT LEONARD – 6 copper coins of early US including 1772 half-penny and 1774 farthing of George III, 1788 half-cent and cent from Massachusetts, 1787 half-cent (a cent cut in half) and cent from Connecticut; DON DOOL – Denver ANA 2006 Exhibitor's Medal, First Place award medals for exhibits in the medals and foreign coins after 1500 categories, a 1857 8-reales from Honduras, 1600 coin from Spanish city Banolas with countermark, and 1621 coin from Veden Domicapital with a counterstamp; LYLE DALY – a set of small sized Federal Reserve Notes from 1929 - 1929A, 3 medals from the 1901 Pan American Expo Buffalo, NY, and irradiated dimes from American Museum of Atomic Energy and the 1964 New York World's Fair.

William Thoburn and Samuel Dixon delivered a presentation on their Web based free personal collection organizer, Collectica.com, that is capable of managing photographs and collection details while keeping it private. Collectors can also allow select friends to view items in their collection. Several members had questions on security.

Robert Leonard attended the Denver ANA convention and reported the sale of \$140.00 in Club educational souvenir cards from the Chicago International Coin Fair. He briefly outlined the subject of cigarette money as a topic for the 2007 CICF. Bob also announced that he was just elected President of the Token and Medal Society and made available application forms.

Carl Wolf announced probable speakers for the December banquet, the 2007 Chicago Paper Money Expo, and the 2007 Chicago International Coin Fair.

It was announced that 2006 dues are outstanding for the following five members: Jim Flannery, Ronald Martino, Chuck Menard, Dale Noble, and Chris E. Patton. Since past dues notices were sent a motion was made and passed to drop them from the rolls.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

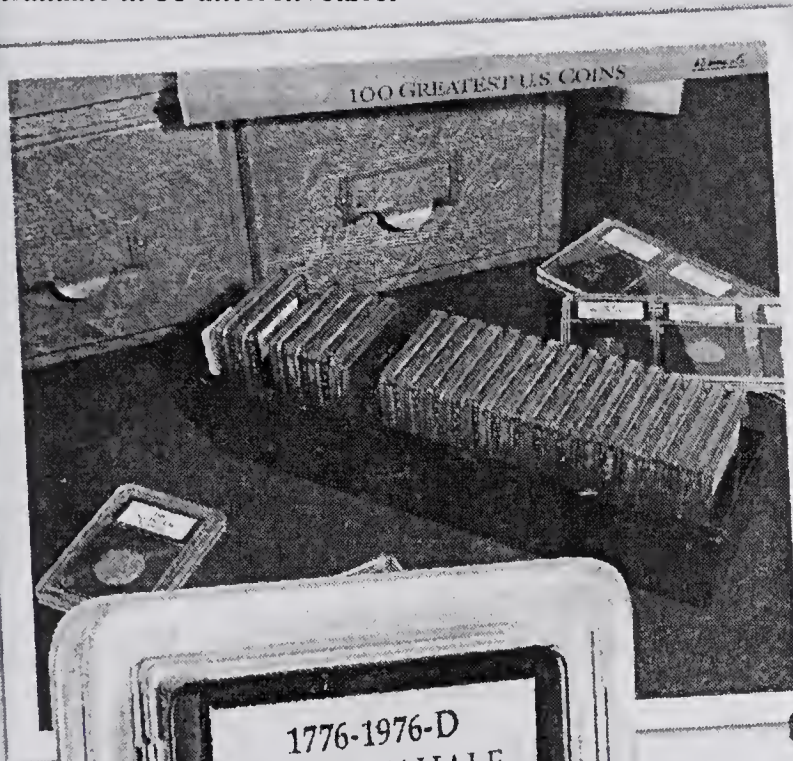
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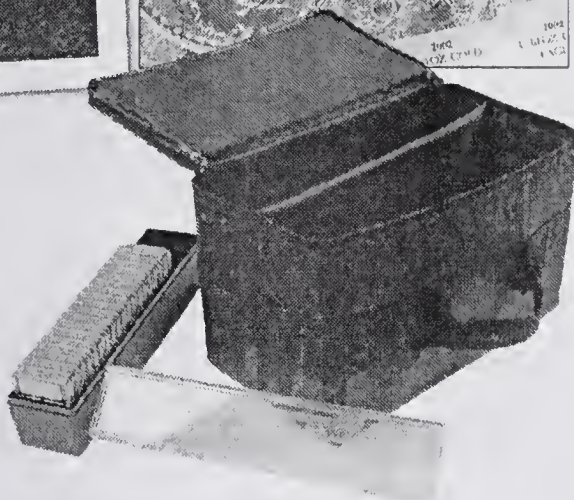
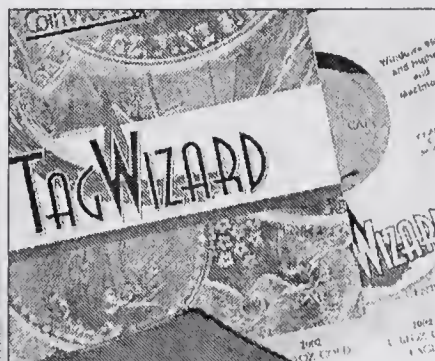
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Speaker's Wor[l]d

How to Distinguish Different Precious Metals

Mark Wieclaw

Presented to our September 13, 2006 meeting.

There are several ways of determining the fineness of silver and gold. At work, Mark uses a stone and acid. First, rub an object against the stone, leaving a visible mark of metal on the stone. Next, apply a drop of the correct acid on part of the metal mark. If the metal mark is unchanged, the object is good. This testing is for objects bought for their bullion value. At the shop, objects of the same fineness are kept together, being sent to a local refiner when enough has been collected.

The special stone has such fine grains that virtually no visible marks are left on a gold object of at least 22k fineness. A different acid is needed for testing each of the standard finenesses of each metal. The bottles are purchased at a jewelry supply store in downtown Chicago. Costing a few dollars for an ounce, the acids start going bad after about one year.

When he started in the business, Mark spent much time, testing every item. After gaining years of experience, both with people and objects, Mark now typically tests less than ten pieces per day. A 24k Canadian Maple Leaf is yellower than the 22k American Eagle. Although both the krugerrand and U.S. Eagles use 22k gold, they have different colors due to their different alloying metals: one uses silver while the other uses copper.

Mark brought in two Mexican 50 peso gold pieces and showed how he tests them. Turned out one was genuine but the other was not. But that wasn't too surprising, considering that the genuine piece had a lettered edge but the other piece did not.

There are acids for the most common finenesses of silver: 80%, 90%, and sterling. An acid for platinum was on the mrket recently, but it did not work well for Mark. So he sticks with the sure test of using a propane torch to heat the object red hot — remove the flame, and platinum returns to its original color.

There are many scams out there, and Mark reviewed a few of them. Although a gold plated stainless steel bicycle chain passed the stone and acid test, steel held in your hand warms up slower than does gold. Because jewelry clasps are sold with their own karat indication, another scam involves adding a high-content clasp to a bad, unmarked chain; look for the mark on the chain!

next year, and continue at the rate of one book per year.

- The newly published *Early U.S. Gold Coin Varieties, A Study of Die States, 1795-1834* by Dannreuther and Bass was available at the Whitman table.

- After buying the above three books, Paul went to the USPS table to mail those books home. While there, he bought 10 small sheets of Comic Book stamps; one sheet was shown, and members were told those stamps are used to mail the September and October issues of the *Chatter*.

- Programs from the exhibit and lecture areas were shown,

4. **Drew Michyeta** likes the large silver coins. He showed a 1985 \$1 piece from the Cook Islands, issued to commemorate the South Pacific Games. Only 2,500 pieces were minted. The bust of Queen Elizabeth II' is on the obverse, while the reverse shows a local fertility god. The well-endowed figure on the reverse caused some raised eye brows when this coin was issued.

5. **Mark Wieclaw** showed a range of items:

- Since 1989, The Elongated Collectors have issued enameled badges for the TEC meeting at the ANA. Only about 100 of the enameled versions are produced, and Mark showed both the regular and enameled versions.
- A 1935 half dollar with "COL. JIM - 20 - ARMY AIR CORP" and a winged badge engraved. The 20th Army Air Corp was stationed in the South Pacific. The star in the center of the badge has a circle at its center, corresponding to an early version of the insignia; the red circle at the center of the star was removed from planes early in the war.
- A 1940 Mercury Dime with obverse date and letters doubled.
- A magnificent tetradrachm from Leontini, Sicily 450-400 BC. The head of Apollo is on one side, while bay leaves surround the head of a lion on the other side.
- A dodecadrachm, the largest Greek silver coin, weighing 35 grams. From Derronci in Macedonia, one side shows a king pulled in a cart, while the other side shows a triskellis. From a hoard of 50.

6. **Eugene Freeman** brought some pieces that he tied to interesting stories.

- A 1609 groschen from the German city of Hameln. We know it as Hamelin, and Eugene told us that the city record book is missing the pages for the day the children disappeared; years later, a vague entry identifies the day as the anniversary of the day they lost their children.
- A medal honoring Admiral Vernon. After the English failed in a raid on Portobello on the east coast of Panama, Admiral Vernon boasted in Parliament that he could take the city with six ships. Parliament voted him seven ships, but he sent one of the ships on the day of the raid so he actually took the starting port of Spanish treasure ships with only six ships. The shown medal is one of

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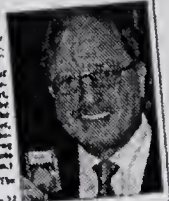
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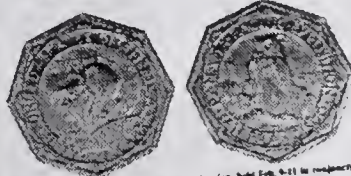
Turnout strong at Long Beach

By Robert H. Van Dyke

A strong public turnout of 8,176 and dealer sales totaling \$1.1 million were the highlights of the Feb. 11-12 Long Beach Coin Show & Collectible Fair at the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center. The event also featured a number of special exhibits on the last day and Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006. Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center.



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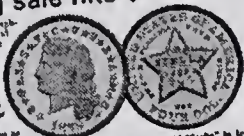
Pan-Pac tops Heritage sale

Setting for \$97,000, a 1911-P Pan-Pacific gold piece was the top lot in the Feb. 11-12 Long Beach Coin Show & Collectible Fair. The piece was sold by the Long Beach Coin Show & Collectible Fair.

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Goldberg sale hits \$10.5 mil

Strong bidding on behalf of the U.S. Treasury helped the Feb. 11-12 Long Beach Coin Show & Collectible Fair reach a total of \$10.5 million in sales.



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Clad proofs due March 22

A release date of March 22 has been set for the U.S. Mint's 2006 10-ounce clad proof set.

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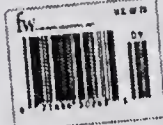
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many struck to honor the victory. The Eugene told how one of the admiral's admiring crew later named his home Mount Vernon; the estate later passed to a relative named George Washington.

7. **Bob Leonard** showed three pairs of copper coins from early in U.S. history, coins accepted as a cent and half cent:

A 1772 half penny and a 1774 farthing; both British coins bearing a portrait of King George III.

From the Commonwealth of Massachusettes, both a cent and half cent dated 1788.

A Connecticut copper coin (cent) from 1787 with a bust on reverse, and a similar "half cent." The latter piece is cut down from a Connecticut cent (Bob indicated sufficient identifying points). It had been found by a metal detector in Orange County, New York and Bob bought it on eBay; the reverse is badly corroded. There are virtually no other records of cut copper coins from that era.

8. **Don Dool** is another member who was at the Denver ANA, where he had three exhibits. His South American scripophily exhibit was fourth in a four-horse race. He showed us:

The exhibitor's medal.

A first place medal (in the Latin America area) for his San Martin medals exhibit.

A first place medal for Foreign Coins after 1650.

An 1857 provisional 8 reales from Honduras; it has a copper-lead alloy.

A coin from the Spanish city of Bañolis; Phillip III was the ruler, but the coin's legend shows only a II. The reverse has a head countermark in middle of a shield.

A 1621 piece from Verden, countermarked VD for Verden Domicapita.

9. **Lyle Daly** brought items from three areas:

The first Federal reserve small size issues of 1929 and 1929A, in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, and 100 dollars. On the face, the **number** of the reserve bank is used.

The note series that followed, 1929B, used **letters** instead of numbers. Were people confused by bank numbers 5 and 10 appearing on \$20 notes?

After gold coins were recalled in 1934, the redemption wording dropped mention of gold, leaving "redeemed in lawful money." In 1963, In God We Trust was added on the back, and the redemption statement was shortened.

Two medals from the 1901 Pan American Expo. Lyle is interested in the medal design and its similarity to that used on the Monroe Doctrine Half Dollar. He started bidding on two medals listed on eBay, to improve his odds of getting one, but he ended with both. One medal is a counterfeit.

- ~ Irradiated Roosevelt dime from the American Museum of Atomic Energy, and an irradiated mercury dime from the 1964 New York World's Fair. The radioactive isotope of silver has a half-life measured in seconds, at which time the silver atom turns into some other element.

Call for Club Auction Lots

November 8, 2006

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You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts.

The November *Chatter* will contain a list of all auction lots that are known to us by Tuesday, October 24. You can either e-mail your list to Paul Hybert by Tuesday, October 24 if you plan to bring your lots with you to the November meeting; or you can ship your items to Bill Burd by Tuesday, October 24.

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Important Dates

- October 11** CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - Andrew J. Donnelly on *Tetrarchic Mint Control, 284-324*
- November 8** CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker
- December 13** CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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Minutes of the 1054th Meeting

The 1054th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order October 11, 2006 by President Robert Feiler at 7 PM at Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, Downtown Chicago. There were 16 members and 1 guest, Andrew Donnelly, present.

The September Minutes were approved as published in the *Chatter*. The Treasurer's report was deferred until October. The secretary reported receiving William Noble's (Grundy) application for life membership. It was reported that general inquiries into Club membership is on the rise.

First V.P. Jeff Rosinia introduced the featured speaker, Andrew Donnelly, who delivered an updated version of his paper *Tetrarchic Mint Control, 284-324 AD* originally given at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies. Following a question and answer period, Jeff presented Andrew with an American Numismatic Association educational certificate and an engraved club medal.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly introduced exhibitors for the evening: WILLIAM BURD: a Chicago Coin Club invitation to the 1920 Chicago ANA convention held at the Art Institute; DONALD DOOL: an undated Dinero of Philip III struck by the Catalonian city of Granollers, a charity token issued about 1550 from the Refectory of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Tournai, an undated XII pfennig issued by the city of Unna located in North Rhine Westphalia, an 1822-3 8-reales from provincial Peru; ROBERT LEONARD: 5 numismatic and numismatic related books recently purchased during a visit in Albania, Macedonia and Bulgaria that included *The Illyrians to the Albanians*, *National Museum of Archeology, Bulgaria's Medieval Coins, 9th – 15th Century*, plus three catalogs with Cyrillic text; ROBERT FEILER: ancient Roman coins from the reigns of Diocletian (284-305 AD), Aurelian (270-275 AD) and Constantius II (324-337 AD); MARK WIECLAW: Government seal, strapping and case that holds 500 silver eagles, ancient Roman denarius showing Faustina Sr. (141 AD), Caracalla (posthumous), Septimius Severus (193-211 AD) and Philip I (244 AD); EUGENE FREEMAN: 1976 100 franc from Central African Republic, 1978 100 franc from Central African Empire, and an 1854 U.S. Half

Dollar from Hashop's Drug in Texas a seller of Wolf Brand Chili; WINSTON ZACK: 6 high grade Lincoln cents in PCGS slabs; JASON FREEMAN: a "Good Luck" token from Philippines with an elephant motif, an African Wildlife 1-oz. silver coin from Zambia with elephant, and a "Vote Republican" spinner with an elephant image; LYLE DALY: an admission ticket to the 1932 Republican National Convention in Chicago printed by the American Bank Note Company, an article regarding the Monopoly board game going cashless, a key ring charge plate from the mid-1930s from the J.L. Hudson Co. Detroit, MI, and several anonymous issues from the Roman Empire showing Roma, Romulus, and Remus.

Under old business members were reminded to make reservations for the December 13th banquet to be held at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave., Chicago. Jeff Rosinia and Lyle Daly reported that the meeting site at Chase Bank is okay, but the environment is continually changing. Jeff and the Secretary volunteered to put out some inquiries to other institutions, including the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Robert Leonard reported progress on the 2007 souvenir card on cigarette money. No reports were given on the safe deposit box inventory or the video tape conversion. During a brief discussion on reviving the Coin Discussion Group it was suggested the Club consider holding the sessions at different Chicago area coin dealers. William Burd reported 44 items already on the auction list for the November meeting. Most are from the William Pettit estate and includes a number of coin club medals. Lyle Daly volunteered to conduct a silent auction at the December banquet.

President Feiler appointed a nominations committee consisting of William Burd, Steve Zitowsky, Carl Wolf, and Robert Leonard to present a slate of officers for the December election.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

November 8 CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker

December 13 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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Our 1055th Meeting

Date: November 8, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and **everyone** must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Member Auction: Although the deadline for listing lots in the *Chatter* is past, you can still bring your lots with you to the November meeting. In the past few years, club related material (and Chicago area numismatic items) have realized the best results. Please consider using the club auction to dispose of the numismatic items you no longer need.

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Please find elsewhere in this issue of the *Chatter* a listing of all auction lots that were known to us by Tuesday, October 24.

Annual Member Auction

Here are the lots known to us by October 24, 2006. The auction will be held near the start of the meeting, after a short time for lot examination; consignments are accepted until the auction starts.

Material consigned by the W. Pettit estate:

1. CCC history of leather money with attached leather token #089. Given out at the 843rd meeting on April 8, 1989.
2. CCC history of Swedish plate money with attached replica. Serial #242. Given out at the 854th meeting in March, 1990.
3. CCC history of stone money with attached replica. Serial #087. Given out at the 866th meeting on March 9, 1991.
4. CCC history of axe money with attached replica. Serial #063. Given out at the 878th meeting on March 21, 1992.
5. CCC history of clamshell money with attached clam shell #051. Given out at the 889th meeting on February 27, 1993.
6. CCC history of bark cloth money with attached bark cloth #086. Given out at the 903rd meeting on April 16, 1994.
7. CCC history of Chinese knife money with replica #127. Given out at the 914th meeting on March 25, 1995.
8. Medal "For Merit of Exhibit" to be awarded at the ANA 75th Anniversary Convention held in Chicago and hosted by CCC in 1966. Reverse of this medal is engraved SPECIMEN and is believed to have been given to one of the committee members as a sample. Bronze. Issued by Medallic Art Co.
9. Medal "Excellence of Exhibit Chicago Coin Club 1956" reverse is blank. Bronze. Medallic Art Co.
10. Illinois Sesquicentennial Medal. Contains 4 ounces of silver. Housed in a hard plastic holder in the shape of Illinois.
11. CCC 800th meeting medal "What's Past is Prologue". September 14, 1985. 2 pieces – one in bronze and one silvered.
12. CCC 500th meeting medal. Obverse "Chicago - 1960" with skyline. Reverse "41 Years – 500 Meetings" with Club logo. Barrel shaped. Bronze.
13. Token. Obverse "Central States Numismatic Society" around map of member States. Reverse "CSNS 37th Anniversary Convention Chicago April 30th - May 2nd" with CCC logo in center with "1776 our Nation's 200th Year 1976".
14. Medal. Obverse "Moritz Wormser" with his portrait. Reverse "President of the American Numismatic Association 1924". Medallic Art Co. Bronze.

15. Token "75th Anniversary DIA-ANA Convention 1891-1966 Chicago Coin Club". 2 pieces.
16. Elongated on a 1919-S Lincoln Cent. "Chicago Coin Club 819th Meeting April 4, 1987 CICF".
17. Discoverers Medal commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Chicago Coin Club 1919-1994. Bronze. Number 54 of 165 issued.
18. Small tri-fold pamphlet titled *The Story of the Illinois PROVISIONAL Sales Tax Tokens*. Includes a token from Carbondale. Not dated but printed before zip codes.
19. Illinois Sesquicentennial Medal. Contains approx 1 ounce of silver. 1818-1968.
20. Medal. Obverse - Rovelstad's *I Will* figure surrounded by "CCC 50th Anniversary 1919-1969". Reverse - constellation of stars surrounded by "Chicago Coin Club Docendo Discimus". Bronze.
21. Same as #20 above. Silver. Serial #822.
22. Token. CCC 600th Meeting January 8, 1969.
23. Lincoln Medallion. Obverse "Lincoln 1809-1865. Reverse "CSNS 1965-1865 April Centennial & Convention". Includes a list of events in April of 1865 including the assassination of Lincoln. Bronze.
24. Token. Obverse - "Central States Numismatic Society 17th Convention". Reverse "Heart of America Numismatic Association 1934-1959 25th Anniversary".
25. Medal. Roosevelt University - Numismatic Education Program Inaugurated September 29, 1965. 2 pieces - one base metal and one silver clad proof. Issued by the Franklin Mint.
26. Morton Grove Coin Club memorabilia - 2 elongated coins, one silver dime and one cent commemorating the spring coin festival of May 1969. Another set titled Season's Greetings 1974. Also, a good luck token dated 1975 and a pocket knife key chain dated 1981.
27. Token. "Morton Grove Coin Club - Education thru Numismatics - Founded 1964". Uniface. Also a Lead trial strike of the same token. Also a tiny token with crude engraving "MGCC" and opposite side "1980".
28. Token. Obverse "Chicago Numismatic Society". Reverse "In Commemoration of the 50th Monthly Meeting March 6, 1908".
29. Token. Obverse "Chicago Numismatic Society Souvenir Masonic Temple Presidential Greeting at Opening Reception New Rooms May 3rd 1907". Reverse includes a list of rare US coins and their values.
30. Token. Obverse "Chicago Coin Club". Reverse "One Hundredth Meeting June 1, 1927".
31. Token issued by Charles H. Lipsky advertising his desire to purchase Illinois trade tokens. Token is stapled to an advertising cardboard. 2 pieces.
32. Four different tokens from the Central States Numismatic Society 23rd Annual Convention in Chicago 1965. Bus Tour Tokens good for "One Fare".

33. Token. Obverse "Central States Numismatic Society – 23rd Annual Convention – 1965 Chicago". Reverse "My Fair Lady Banquet – Souvenir".
34. Same as 33 above.
35. Token "The Town House Sheridan Rd. Cor. Morse Ave. – Chicago". Reverse "Silver Anniversary 1.00 good for food & drinks".
36. North Shore Coin Club Tenth Anniversary Token 1958–1968. Engraved "Educational Award" – "W. Pettit".
37. 12 miscellaneous Morton Grove Coin Club tokens and elongateds from the 1970s to 1990.
38. 11 miscellaneous tokens and elongateds from various private individuals and coin companies. Rarcoa, Leonard Stark, Rich Hartzog, Hamilton Mint, Charles Lipsky and Grant Schmalgemeier.
39. 10 miscellaneous tokens from various coin clubs including Calumet, ILNA, North Shore, Elgin and Oak Park.
40. 11 miscellaneous tokens and medals. Six pieces of the Illinois Sesquicentennial medals (four are duplicates). Others include the 1982 National Collectables Exposition; Mount Prospect Golden Anniversary in 1967; Grayville, Illinois Centennial token dated 1955; bus token for the Chicago and Calumet District; and a TWA blue Chip Service token.
41. Brass Membership Card issued in 1913 and 1914 by the Chicago Branch 1 American Numismatic Association. Obverse "Chicago Branch 1 – American Numismatic Association - Membership Card". Reverse "Receipt for Dues 1914 – Issued to Member No. 39". A scarce piece. The only one I have seen. Issued only for two years 1913 and 1914.

Material from the archives of the Chicago Coin Club.

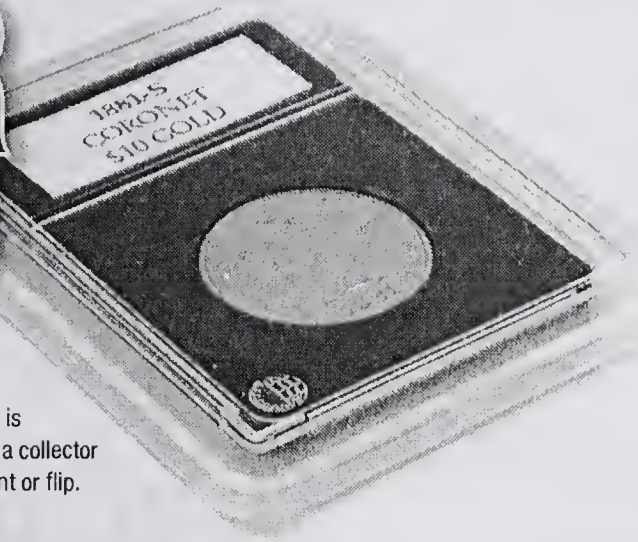
42. Correspondence from various coin dealers and clubs to C. Sam Carlson. Majority from the 1930s. Includes, B. Max Mehl, Edgar Adams, Bolender, Elder, Scott, Kenneth Lee, and others. Over 35 items. This correspondence was donated to the club by the family of Carlson after his death in September of 1978. (Several items on CCC stationery were also donated and remain in the club archives).
43. *The American Numismatic Association Centennial History 1891–1991*, by Q. David Bowers, 2 volumes, First Edition 1991, 1744 pages. Hardcover, like new.
44. Glass ashtray "Welcome to 1965 CSNS Wonderful World of Numismatics".

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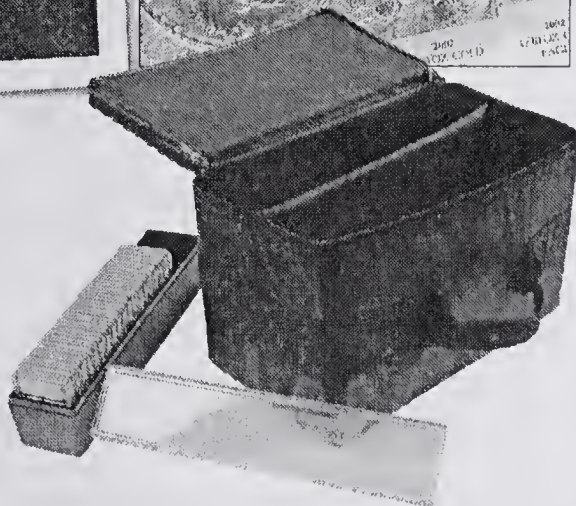
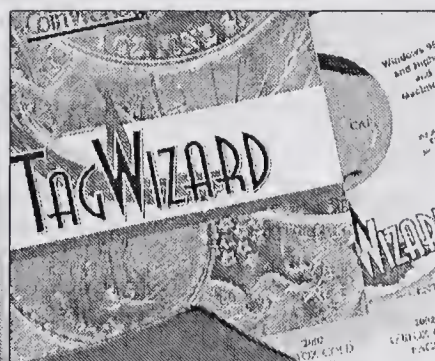
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Show and Tell

Items shown at our October 11, 2006 meeting.

1. **Bill Burd** showed an item given to him by a friend: an invitation from the Chicago Coin Club to the ANA meeting at the Art Institute in August, 1920.
2. **Don Dool** showed some more undated coppers acquired at the ANA in Denver.
 - A coin of Phillip III from Granollers. The legend only mentions the name Phillip; last month, Don showed a coin of the same ruler with a different legend error.
 - A charity token, from supposedly around 1550, from the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Tournai. However, this piece does not match any of the nine designs listed in Eklund.
 - A 12 pfennig piece from the German city of Una. The designs are simple: the city arms on one side, and the denomination, **XII**, on the other side.
 - A silver 1822 8 reales Peru Libre provisional piece. Don has all but one of the copper (lower denominations) provisional pieces, and he pointed out that this piece might have been issued under San Martin as Protector of Peru.
3. **Bob Leonard** showed some books he had acquired during his recent trip through Albania, Macedonia, and Bulgaria.
 - A book of numismatic finds from the southwest part of Macedonia. Most text is in Macedonian (using the Cyrillic alphabet) with some parts in English; most plates are black and white plates, but some are in color.
 - A coin catalog from Bulgaria of medieval coins, 9th to 15th century. Written in Bulgarian, the softcover book is out of print; it cost Bob \$30.
 - Also from Bulgaria, a 1992 softbound book of coins of Mesembria. It has muddy looking plates, captions in Bulgarian and French, with summaries in French, English, and German. The book cost only 65 cents; the result of years of inflation, of the local currency, on the original price.
 - *The Illyrians to the Albaians*, written in English, is a hardback book printed on coated paper. There are only a few coins mentioned, but Bob highlighted the odd and curious aspect of some items; 124 small bronze axe heads are pictured. They are about three inches long, and date from about 2200 B.C. Over 100 hoards of them have been found.
 - A soft cover history book from the National Museum of

Archaeology shows some similar items: amber pieces (originating in the Baltic area) recovered from 6th century B.C. tombs, and hoards of small axe heads and sickles.

4. **Bob Feiler** showed three Roman coins with interesting reverses:
- A coin of Diocletian, with a radiate bust obverse and the emperor receiving victory from Neptune on the reverse.
 - A coin of Aurelian as Augustus with a radiate bust obverse and the emperor receiving victory from Neptune on the reverse.
 - Constantius II, the son of Constantine the Great, as Caesar with two soldiers and two standards on the reverse.

5. **Mark Wieclaw** started by updating us on the latest sealing techniques as used for shipping some U.S. mint products. Instead of the lead seals shown us in the past, Mark showed the plastic strapping used on the box holding 500 silver eagles. The most recent shipment had “West Point” imprinted on the strapping along with the “Aug 18” date, while no printing had appeared on previous shipments. His more serious exhibits were two postumus issues and then two issues that are identifiable to a single year.

- A denarius honoring Faustina, who had died early in her husband’s reign. The reverse legend of Eternity surrounds a simple rendition of a star (a dot with eight rays).

A denarius honoring Caracalla, issued by Elagabalus. The word Magna in the legend indicates a postumus issue.

Septimius Severus celebrated the tenth year of his rule with a rare reverse, which dates this piece to 202.

- A sestertius of Philip honoring his ascension can be dated to 244.

6. **Eugene Freeman** moved here from Texas some years ago, and he managed to work Texas into two of his exhibits:

While living in Houston (late ’70s, early ’80s), he visited a foreign exchange house looking for coins from Gabon. He found these 100 Franc and 50 Franc coins, coins that cost him all of 24 cents and 12 cents, respectively.

For a brief time, the Central African Republic changed its name to Central African Empire. Eugene acquired a nice high grade circulated example of the only coin so marked, dated 1978, from the same exchange house. Examples of this coin are usually either well worn or uncirculated.

- A similar piece from the Paris mint, different in only the date and the name of the country: 1976 and Central African Republic.
- A can of Wolf Brand Chili, the second most popular brand of chili in the U.S. even though it is sold only in Texas and the immediate surrounding areas. The chili was originally sold from a wagon in front of Hashop’s Drug; when that store was torn down, Eugene was able to buy some coins that had been pulled from circulation. Eugene showed one of the coins, an 1854 U.S. half

dollar, making it the oldest coin that he knows where it was last spent.

7. **Winston Zack** always liked U.S. cents, especially Lincoln Memorial cents. He showed us some of his proof and mint state coins in PCGS slabs.
8. **Jason Freeman** showed pieces bearing elephants:
 - A 2000 Zambia one ounce .999 silver piece with a face value of 5000 Kwacka (equivalent to \$10 U.S.).
 - A worn Philippine Rattan Furniture good luck charm featuring an elephant reading a book.
 - A Vote Republican spinner with an elephant head, bearing a “The New Deal Spends — Who Pays? You” legend.
9. **Lyle Daly** showed a range of items:
 - A ticket to the 1932 Repulican National Convention in Chicago, printed by the American Bank Note Company. Herbert Hoover won the nomination, but lost in the general election.
 - A magazine article stating that the play money in the Monopoly game is being phased out in Britain, to be replaced with plastic to make it more realistic.
 - A metallic key ring charge plate from the mid 1930s, good at the J.L. Hudson store in Detroit.

Birthday and Year Joined

December	1	Paul Robertz	2006
December	6	Allen H. Meyer	1990
December	7	Brian C. Stubbs	1980
December	10	Mike Gasvoda	1995
December	16	Michael Schmidt	2000
December	19	William Noble	1980
December	26	Kevin J. Blocker	2000
December	29	Nick Weiss	1996
December	31	Phillip J. Carrigan	1989

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It was announced that William Stafford Noble (Grundy) applied for life membership and his application was approved by the Life Membership Committee. A discussion followed concerning the segregation of life membership funds and the consensus of the members was that the Board should review this policy at a future meeting.

Robert Leonard reported progress on the primitive money souvenir card for the 2007 CICF meeting. The plastic test tubes are on order and various affixing methods are being discussed. Lyle Daly reported that the current meeting room will be vacated by Chase Bank in May-June 2007 and the Club would have to look for a new home. Carl Wolf brought up the idea that with high-speed internet access and web cams, the Club could soon recruit speakers from different parts of the world to give live presentations before the Club. Many comments followed.

It was announced that an envelope was circulating for members to make reservations for the upcoming December banquet at a cost of \$25.00 each. It was announced that several featured speakers were invited but unable to make the date. Several ideas were offered.

Carl Wolf reported the results of the Nomination Committee. The following members are nominated for 2007-2008: Robert Feiler, President; Jeffrey Rosinia, First Vice-President; Lyle Daly, Second Vice-President; William Burd, Archivist; Carl Wolf, Elliot Krieter, and Eugene Freeman, Directors; and Mark Wieclaw, Immediate Past-President.

Jeff Rosinia served as auctioneer for 47 lots of material. Most of the lots were Club related and came from the estate of William Pettit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Auction Results

November 8, 2006

These are the realized prices for the lots listed in the November *Chatter*; a few additional lots were consigned just before the auction.

1	\$13.00	12	5.00	24	3.00	36	8.00
2	12.00	13	7.00	25	3.00	37	7.00
3	12.00	14	65.00	26	5.00	38	4.00
4	2.00	15	4.00	27	5.00	39	4.00
5	2.00	16	14.00	28	28.00	40	3.00
6	2.00	17	11.00	29	24.00	41	370.00
7	8.00	18	16.00	30	10.00	42	255.00
8	52.00	19	15.00	31	8.00	43	60.00
9	47.00	20	10.00	32	2.00	44	2.00
10	52.00	21	37.00	33	1.00		
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		23	5.00	35	5.00		

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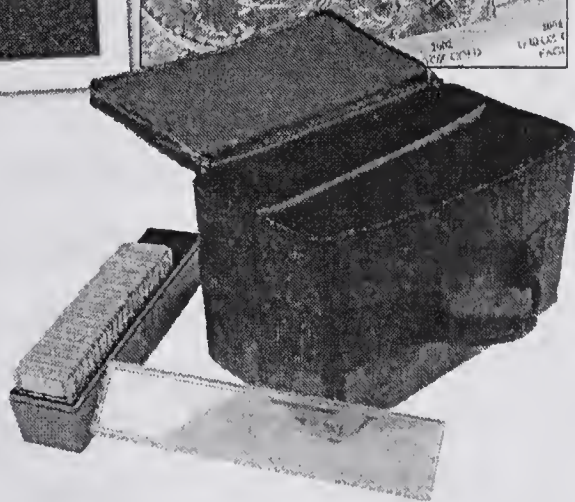
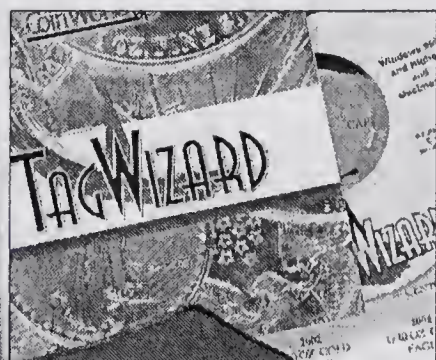
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Our 1056th Meeting

Date: December 13, 2005

Time: 6PM to 7PM Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
7PM to 9 PM+ Dinner and Meeting

Location: Marcello's Restaurant, 645 West North Avenue, Chicago.

Menu: The evening's hors d'oeuvres include Spinach and Mushroom Pastry Puffs, Teriyaki Chicken Skewers with Thai Peanut Sauce, and more. The dinner menu is Insalata Roma Salad with Homemade Italian Dressing, Teriyaki Chicken, Cheese Tortellini with Marinara, Double Baked Potatoes and Dessert of Cream Cheese Brownies fresh from their bakery.

The cost is \$25.00 per person and reservations are required. E-mail your intentions as soon as possible. The room holds about 35 and if more are planning to attend, we can try to increase the room size. This is an excellent time to bring your spouse and they can meet your collector friends. Please try to donate an item or two to the silent auction listed below. Make your check payable to the Chicago Coin Club and mail it to P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690. If your plans develop late, then e-mail Carl Wolf at carlwolfco@msn.com or call 773-878-8979.

Program: Clifford Mishler on *2007 Milwaukee ANA Convention*

Agenda: Election of Officers and Award Presentations

Silent Auction: The silent auction has been held for the past three years at the Holiday banquet. All proceeds benefit the club. Each year we try to provide items that will be of interest and value to spouses as well as members. This year we have a late start, BUT with generous participation from members we are assured success.

We already have a few items for the auction. Ideally we should have ten to fifteen items to fill out the table. Baskets of goodies are always a hot item. We have 2 lovely gift baskets of tea cups and teapots with assorted teas to chase the winter cold. There is a Givenchy necktie designed for the Federal Reserve that is just calling out to the discriminating numismatist. I am convinced there are many wonderful and not necessarily numismatic, surplus and/or gently used items that are ready for "re-gifting". With a little packaging and sprucing up these can make wonderful auction items.

Be creative! The items can be funny, practical, luxurious, artistic, cerebral and on and on. Please help by contacting Lyle Daly at lyledaly@msn.com or call 708 601-4711 to arrange to donate your items.

The Chicago Coin Club thanks you.

Important Dates

December 13 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - Clifford Mishler on *2007 Milwaukee ANA Convention*

January 10 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

February 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

Birthday and Year Joined

January 2 Al Sawyer 1999

January 16 Michael Metras

January 26 Jennie Sochon 1982

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Minutes of the 1054th Meeting

The 1054th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order October 11, 2006 by President Robert Feiler at 7 PM at Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, Downtown Chicago. There were 16 members and 1 guest, Andrew Donnelly, present.

The September Minutes were approved as published in the *Chatter*. The Treasurer's report was deferred until October. The secretary reported receiving William Noble's (Grundy) application for life membership. It was reported that general inquiries into Club membership is on the rise.

First V.P. Jeff Rosinia introduced the featured speaker, Andrew Donnelly, who delivered an updated version of his paper *Tetrarchic Mint Control, 284-324 AD* originally given at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies. Following a question and answer period, Jeff presented Andrew with an American Numismatic Association educational certificate and an engraved club medal.

Second V.P. Lyle Daly introduced exhibitors for the evening: WILLIAM BURD: a Chicago Coin Club invitation to the 1920 Chicago ANA convention held at the Art Institute; DONALD DOOL: an undated Dinero of Philip III struck by the Catalanian city of Granollers, a charity token issued about 1550 from the Refectory of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Tournai, an undated XII pfennig issued by the city of Unna located in North Rhine Westphalia, an 1822-3 8-reales from provincial Peru; ROBERT LEONARD: 5 numismatic and numismatic related books recently purchased during a visit in Albania, Macedonia and Bulgaria that included *The Illyrians to the Albanians*, *National Museum of Archeology, Bulgaria's Medieval Coins, 9th – 15th Century*, plus three catalogs with Cyrillic text; ROBERT FEILER: ancient Roman coins from the reigns of Diocletian (284-305 AD), Aurelian (270-275 AD) and Constantius II (324-337 AD); MARK WIECLAW: Government seal, strapping and case that holds 500 silver eagles, ancient Roman denarius showing Faustina Sr. (141 AD), Caracalla (posthumous), Septimius Severus (193-211 AD) and Philip I (244 AD); EUGENE FREEMAN: 1976 100 franc from Central African Republic, 1978 100 franc from Central African Empire, and an 1854 U.S. Half

Dollar from Hashop's Drug in Texas a seller of Wolf Brand Chili; WINSTON ZACK: 6 high grade Lincoln cents in PCGS slabs; JASON FREEMAN: a "Good Luck" token from Philippines with an elephant motif, an African Wildlife 1-oz. silver coin from Zambia with elephant, and a "Vote Republican" spinner with an elephant image; LYLE DALY: an admission ticket to the 1932 Republican National Convention in Chicago printed by the American Bank Note Company, an article regarding the Monopoly board game going cashless, a key ring charge plate from the mid-1930s from the J.L. Hudson Co. Detroit, MI, and several anonymous issues from the Roman Empire showing Roma, Romulus, and Remus.

Under old business members were reminded to make reservations for the December 13th banquet to be held at Marcello's Restaurant, 645 W. North Ave., Chicago. Jeff Rosinia and Lyle Daly reported that the meeting site at Chase Bank is okay, but the environment is continually changing. Jeff and the Secretary volunteered to put out some inquiries to other institutions, including the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Robert Leonard reported progress on the 2007 souvenir card on cigarette money. No reports were given on the safe deposit box inventory or the video tape conversion. During a brief discussion on reviving the Coin Discussion Group it was suggested the Club consider holding the sessions at different Chicago area coin dealers. William Burd reported 44 items already on the auction list for the November meeting. Most are from the William Pettit estate and includes a number of coin club medals. Lyle Daly volunteered to conduct a silent auction at the December banquet.

President Feiler appointed a nominations committee consisting of William Burd, Steve Zitowsky, Carl Wolf, and Robert Leonard to present a slate of officers for the December election.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Sincerely Submitted,
Carl Wolf, Secretary

Important Dates

November 8 CCC Meeting - Club Auction - no featured speaker

December 13 CCC Meeting - Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - *to be announced*

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1823-1897 by Mike Dunigan and JB Parker

Catalogue of Late Roman Coins In the Dumbarton Oaks Collection
and in the Whittemore Collection from Arcadius and Honorius to
the Accession of Anastasius by Philip Grierson and Melinda Mays

A Charlton Standard Catalogue of Canadian Bank Notes,
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Our 1055th Meeting

Date: November 8, 2006

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Downtown Chicago

At Dearborn Center, 131 S. Dearborn, 6th Floor, Conference Room 6A (right off the elevator lobby). *Please remember the security measures at our meeting building: give a club officer the names of all your guests prior to the meeting day; and everyone must show their photo-ID and register at the guard's desk.*

Member Auction: Although the deadline for listing lots in the *Chatter* is past, you can still bring your lots with you to the November meeting. In the past few years, club related material (and Chicago area numismatic items) have realized the best results. Please consider using the club auction to dispose of the numismatic items you no longer need.

You can place a reserve on each lot, and there is no commission charged to either the buyer or seller. Auction lot viewing will be held before the meeting starts, and again briefly before the auction starts.

Please find elsewhere in this issue of the *Chatter* a listing of all auction lots that were known to us by Tuesday, October 24.

Annual Member Auction

Here are the lots known to us by October 24, 2006. The auction will be held near the start of the meeting, after a short time for lot examination; consignments are accepted until the auction starts.

Material consigned by the W. Pettit estate:

1. CCC history of leather money with attached leather token #089. Given out at the 843rd meeting on April 8, 1989.
2. CCC history of Swedish plate money with attached replica. Serial #242. Given out at the 854th meeting in March, 1990.
3. CCC history of stone money with attached replica. Serial #087. Given out at the 866th meeting on March 9, 1991.
4. CCC history of axe money with attached replica. Serial #063. Given out at the 878th meeting on March 21, 1992.
5. CCC history of clamshell money with attached clam shell #051. Given out at the 889th meeting on February 27, 1993.
6. CCC history of bark cloth money with attached bark cloth #086. Given out at the 903rd meeting on April 16, 1994.
7. CCC history of Chinese knife money with replica #127. Given out at the 914th meeting on March 25, 1995.
8. Medal "For Merit of Exhibit" to be awarded at the ANA 75th Anniversary Convention held in Chicago and hosted by CCC in 1966. Reverse of this medal is engraved SPECIMEN and is believed to have been given to one of the committee members as a sample. Bronze. Issued by Medallic Art Co.
9. Medal "Excellence of Exhibit Chicago Coin Club 1956" reverse is blank. Bronze. Medallic Art Co.
10. Illinois Sesquicentennial Medal. Contains 4 ounces of silver. Housed in a hard plastic holder in the shape of Illinois.
11. CCC 800th meeting medal "What's Past is Prologue". September 14, 1985. 2 pieces – one in bronze and one silvered.
12. CCC 500th meeting medal. Obverse "Chicago - 1960" with skyline. Reverse "41 Years – 500 Meetings" with Club logo. Barrel shaped. Bronze.
13. Token. Obverse "Central States Numismatic Society" around map of member States. Reverse "CSNS 37th Anniversary Convention Chicago April 30th - May 2nd" with CCC logo in center with "1776 our Nation's 200th Year 1976".
14. Medal. Obverse "Moritz Wormser" with his portrait. Reverse "President of the American Numismatic Association 1924". Medallic Art Co. Bronze.

15. Token "75th Anniversary DIA-ANA Convention 1891-1966 Chicago Coin Club". 2 pieces.
16. Elongated on a 1919-S Lincoln Cent. "Chicago Coin Club 819th Meeting April 4, 1987 CICF".
17. Discoverers Medal commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Chicago Coin Club 1919-1994. Bronze. Number 54 of 165 issued.
18. Small tri-fold pamphlet titled *The Story of the Illinois PROVISIONAL Sales Tax Tokens*. Includes a token from Carbondale. Not dated but printed before zip codes.
19. Illinois Sesquicentennial Medal. Contains approx 1 ounce of silver. 1818-1968.
20. Medal. Obverse - Rovelstad's *I Will* figure surrounded by "CCC 50th Anniversary 1919-1969". Reverse - constellation of stars surrounded by "Chicago Coin Club Docendo Discimus". Bronze.
21. Same as #20 above. Silver. Serial #822.
22. Token. CCC 600th Meeting January 8, 1969.
23. Lincoln Medallion. Obverse "Lincoln 1809-1865. Reverse "CSNS 1965-1865 April Centennial & Convention". Includes a list of events in April of 1865 including the assassination of Lincoln. Bronze.
24. Token. Obverse - "Central States Numismatic Society 17th Convention". Reverse "Heart of America Numismatic Association 1934-1959 25th Anniversary".
25. Medal. Roosevelt University - Numismatic Education Program Inaugurated September 29, 1965. 2 pieces - one base metal and one silver clad proof. Issued by the Franklin Mint.
26. Morton Grove Coin Club memorabilia - 2 elongated coins, one silver dime and one cent commemorating the spring coin festival of May 1969. Another set titled Season's Greetings 1974. Also, a good luck token dated 1975 and a pocket knife key chain dated 1981.
27. Token. "Morton Grove Coin Club - Education thru Numismatics - Founded 1964". Uniface. Also a Lead trial strike of the same token. Also a tiny token with crude engraving "MGCC" and opposite side "1980".
28. Token. Obverse "Chicago Numismatic Society". Reverse "In Commemoration of the 50th Monthly Meeting March 6, 1908".
29. Token. Obverse "Chicago Numismatic Society Souvenir Masonic Temple Presidential Greeting at Opening Reception New Rooms May 3rd 1907". Reverse includes a list of rare US coins and their values.
30. Token. Obverse "Chicago Coin Club". Reverse "One Hundredth Meeting June 1, 1927".
31. Token issued by Charles H. Lipsky advertising his desire to purchase Illinois trade tokens. Token is stapled to an advertising cardboard. 2 pieces.
32. Four different tokens from the Central States Numismatic Society 23rd Annual Convention in Chicago 1965. Bus Tour Tokens good for "One Fare".

33. Token. Obverse "Central States Numismatic Society – 23rd Annual Convention – 1965 Chicago". Reverse "My Fair Lady Banquet – Souvenir".
34. Same as 33 above.
35. Token "The Town House Sheridan Rd. Cor. Morse Ave. – Chicago". Reverse "Silver Anniversary 1.00 good for food & drinks".
36. North Shore Coin Club Tenth Anniversary Token 1958–1968. Engraved "Educational Award" – "W. Pettit".
37. 12 miscellaneous Morton Grove Coin Club tokens and elongateds from the 1970s to 1990.
38. 11 miscellaneous tokens and elongateds from various private individuals and coin companies. Rarcoa, Leonard Stark, Rich Hartzog, Hamilton Mint, Charles Lipsky and Grant Schmalgemeier.
39. 10 miscellaneous tokens from various coin clubs including Calumet, ILNA, North Shore, Elgin and Oak Park.
40. 11 miscellaneous tokens and medals. Six pieces of the Illinois Sesquicentennial medals (four are duplicates). Others include the 1982 National Collectables Exposition; Mount Prospect Golden Anniversary in 1967; Grayville, Illinois Centennial token dated 1955; bus token for the Chicago and Calumet District; and a TWA blue Chip Service token.
41. Brass Membership Card issued in 1913 and 1914 by the Chicago Branch 1 American Numismatic Association. Obverse "Chicago Branch 1 – American Numismatic Association - Membership Card". Reverse "Receipt for Dues 1914 – Issued to Member No. 39". A scarce piece. The only one I have seen. Issued only for two years 1913 and 1914.

Material from the archives of the Chicago Coin Club.

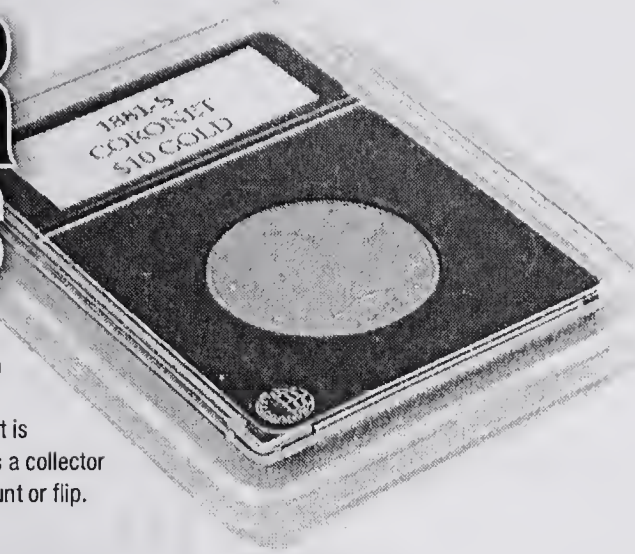
42. Correspondence from various coin dealers and clubs to C. Sam Carlson. Majority from the 1930s. Includes, B. Max Mehl, Edgar Adams, Bolender, Elder, Scott, Kenneth Lee, and others. Over 35 items. This correspondence was donated to the club by the family of Carlson after his death in September of 1978. (Several items on CCC stationary were also donated and remain in the club archives).
43. *The American Numismatic Association Centennial History 1891–1991*, by Q. David Bowers, 2 volumes, First Edition 1991, 1744 pages. Hardcover, like new.
44. Glass ashtray "Welcome to 1965 CSNS Wonderful World of Numismatics".

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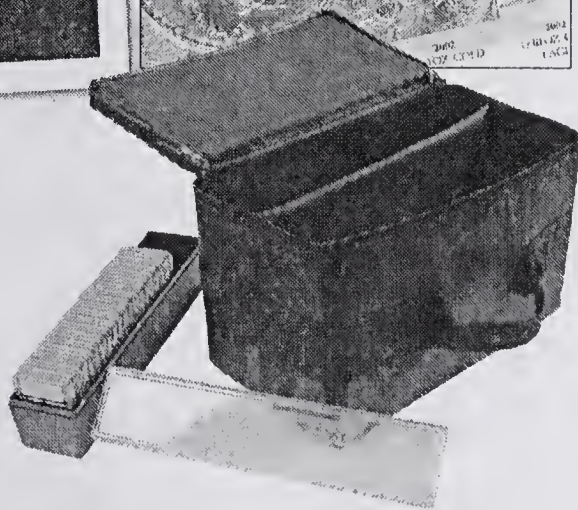
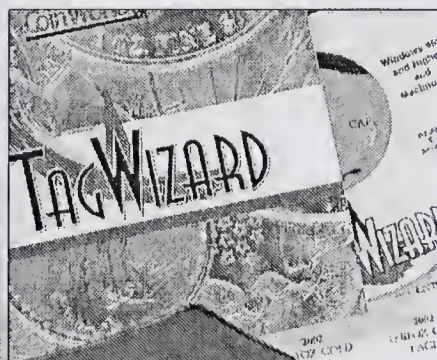
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Show and Tell

Items shown at our October 11, 2006 meeting.

1. **Bill Burd** showed an item given to him by a friend: an invitation from the Chicago Coin Club to the ANA meeting at the Art Institute in August, 1920.
2. **Don Dool** showed some more undated coppers acquired at the ANA in Denver.
 - A coin of Phillip III from Granollers. The legend only mentions the name Phillip; last month, Don showed a coin of the same ruler with a different legend error.
 - A charity token, from supposedly around 1550, from the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Tournai. However, this piece does not match any of the nine designs listed in Eklund.
 - A 12 pfennig piece from the German city of Una. The designs are simple: the city arms on one side, and the denomination, **XII**, on the other side.
 - A silver 1822 8 reales Peru Libre provisional piece. Don has all but one of the copper (lower denominations) provisional pieces, and he pointed out that this piece might have been issued under San Martin as Protector of Peru.
3. **Bob Leonard** showed some books he had acquired during his recent trip through Albania, Macedonia, and Bulgaria.
 - A book of numismatic finds from the southwest part of Macedonia. Most text is in Macedonian (using the Cyrillic alphabet) with some parts in English; most plates are black and white plates, but some are in color.
 - A coin catalog from Bulgaria of medieval coins, 9th to 15th century. Written in Bulgarian, the softcover book is out of print; it cost Bob \$30.
 - Also from Bulgaria, a 1992 softbound book of coins of Mesembria. It has muddy looking plates, captions in Bulgarian and French, with summaries in French, English, and German. The book cost only 65 cents; the result of years of inflation, of the local currency, on the original price.
 - *The Illyrians to the Albaians*, written in English, is a hardback book printed on coated paper. There are only a few coins mentioned, but Bob highlighted the odd and curious aspect of some items; 124 small bronze axe heads are pictured. They are about three inches long, and date from about 2200 B.C. Over 100 hoards of them have been found.
 - A soft cover history book from the National Museum of

Archaeology shows some similar items: amber pieces (originating in the Baltic area) recovered from 6th century B.C. tombs, and hoards of small axe heads and sickles.

4. **Bob Feiler** showed three Roman coins with interesting reverses:

- A coin of Diocletian, with a radiate bust obverse and the emperor receiving victory from Neptune on the reverse.
- A coin of Aurelian as Augustus with a radiate bust obverse and the emperor receiving victory from Neptune on the reverse.
- Constantius II, the son of Constantine the Great, as Caesar with two soldiers and two standards on the reverse.

5. **Mark Wieclaw** started by updating us on the latest sealing techniques as used for shipping some U.S. mint products. Instead of the lead seals shown us in the past, Mark showed the plastic strapping used on the box holding 500 silver eagles. The most recent shipment had “West Point” imprinted on the strapping along with the “Aug 18” date, while no printing had appeared on previous shipments. His more serious exhibits were two postumus issues and then two issues that are identifiable to a single year.

- A denarius honoring Faustina, who had died early in her husband’s reign. The reverse legend of Eternity surrounds a simple rendition of a star (a dot with eight rays).

- A denarius honoring Caracalla, issued by Elagabalus. The word Magna in the legend indicates a postumus issue.

Septimius Severus celebrated the tenth year of his rule with a rare reverse, which dates this piece to 202.

- A sestertius of Philip honoring his ascension can be dated to 244.

6. **Eugene Freeman** moved here from Texas some years ago, and he managed to work Texas into two of his exhibits:

While living in Houston (late ’70s, early ’80s), he visited a foreign exchange house looking for coins from Gabon. He found these 100 Franc and 50 Franc coins, coins that cost him all of 24 cents and 12 cents, respectively.

For a brief time, the Central African Republic changed its name to Central African Empire. Eugene acquired a nice high grade circulated example of the only coin so marked, dated 1978, from the same exchange house. Examples of this coin are usually either well worn or uncirculated.

- A similar piece from the Paris mint, different in only the date and the name of the country: 1976 and Central African Republic.

- A can of Wolf Brand Chili, the second most popular brand of chili in the U.S. even though it is sold only in Texas and the immediate surrounding areas. The chili was originally sold from a wagon in front of Hashop’s Drug; when that store was torn down, Eugene was able to buy some coins that had been pulled from circulation. Eugene showed one of the coins, an 1854 U.S. half

dollar, making it the oldest coin that he knows where it was last spent.

7. **Winston Zack** always liked U.S. cents, especially Lincoln Memorial cents. He showed us some of his proof and mint state coins in PCGS slabs.
8. **Jason Freeman** showed pieces bearing elephants:
 - A 2000 Zambia one ounce .999 silver piece with a face value of 5000 Kwacka (equivalent to \$10 U.S.).
 - A worn Philippine Rattan Furniture good luck charm featuring an elephant reading a book.
 - A Vote Republican spinner with an elephant head, bearing a “The New Deal Spends — Who Pays? You” legend.
9. **Lyle Daly** showed a range of items:
 - A ticket to the 1932 Republican National Convention in Chicago, printed by the American Bank Note Company. Herbert Hoover won the nomination, but lost in the general election.
 - A magazine article stating that the play money in the Monopoly game is being phased out in Britain, to be replaced with plastic to make it more realistic.
 - A metallic key ring charge plate from the mid 1930s, good at the J.L. Hudson store in Detroit.

Birthday and Year Joined

December	1	Paul Robertz	2006
December	6	Allen H. Meyer	1990
December	7	Brian C. Stubbs	1980
December	10	Mike Gasvoda	1995
December	16	Michael Schmidt	2000
December	19	William Noble	1980
December	26	Kevin J. Blocker	2000
December	29	Nick Weiss	1996
December	31	Phillip J. Carrigan	1989

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